A

VINDICATION OF THE SINCERITY OF THE Protestant Religion

In the Point of Obedience to SOVEREIGNS.

Opposed
To the Doctrine of Rebellion, authorised and practised by the Pope and the Jesuites.

In Answer to a Jesuitical Libel, Entituled
PHILANAX ANGLICUS.
viz. Thomas Bellamy.

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To the Moſt Reverend Father in God, GILBERT, *Lord Archbiſhop of* Canterbury *his* Grace, *Primate of all* England, *and Metropolitan, my moſt Honoured* Dioceſan *and* Viſitor.

My Lord,

AN Adverſary of the Truth, and therefore Yours, hath lately offered to your Grace the ſame abuſe as the *Roman Souldiers* did to the Lord Jeſus. For as they arrayed him in Royal Scarlet, bowed the Knee before him, and ſaid to him, *Hail King of the Jews*; but at the ſame time ſpit upon him, and ſmote him on the head: This Enemy, who is alſo a *Roman Souldier*, clotheth your Grace with high praiſes, and makes a profound obeyſance to your Place and Merits in an Epiſtle Dedicatory; But by the ſame Epiſtle he puts under your Graces Protection a charge of Rebellion againſt

our Catholick Orthodox Church, and an Apology for the Doctrine of the Jeſuites. This is ſtroking and ſtriking together. No blame is ſo diſgraceful as ſuch praiſes. So did the Devil call Chriſt the Son of the living God, to diſgrace him by his Teſtimony, and make him to be taken for one of his Confedrates. The man never appearing to his own work, ſeems to acknowledge, that neither his perſon nor his work deſerveth the notice of the world. Yet I thought it neceſſary to let the world know what a cheat is put upon the Readers by this child of darkneſs, who being altogether unknown to your Grace (as your ſelf were pleaſed to expreſs unto me) beareth himſelf for your ancient Acquaintance, and claims your Patronage while he diſgraceth your Perſon, and revileth your Doctrine. Neither doth the Libel, being but an ignorant ſcolding de-

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ſerve an anſwer; but that the man recompenceth his ſhallow learning with his ſuperlative malice, making uſe of this conjuncture, when the minds of loyal Subjects are exulcerated by their late and long ſufferings by Rebellious Zelots under pretence of Religion, to make the ſufferers to fall out with Religion it ſelf.

Theſe are the depths of Satan, who knows perfectly how to ſteer the ſpirits by the Rudder of their moſt ſenſible Intereſſes, and at this time labours to drown the too remiſs ſenſe of holy Belief, in the quick reſentments of perſonal oppreſsion. Bleſſed be God that he is come ſhort of his aim in this attempt; and that this Libeller by his Impoſture hath only ſtirred the juſt indignation of good Chriſtians, in whom the intereſs of Gods Truth & Glory takes place before all perſonal concernments. Himſelf might have been an example of that juſt

ſeverity which he commends in your Grace, if he had been as bold to Preſent the Book, as audacious to Dedicate it to ſo great a Patron. I cannot but have recourſe unto the ſame Patron which he hath choſen for his untruths, to protect the confutation of them: Knowing, that the Vindication of the Truth is in its right place, being put under your Graces protection; in whoſe ſhadow the Church rejoyceth, as of the gracious Patron of Piety and Vertue, the Incourager of Goodneſs, the Maintainer of the Orthodox Faith; and in that reſpect, the right Arm of the great *Defender* of the ſame. That your Government may be bleſſed unto the Church, and Proſperous and Honourable unto your Self, is the fervent Prayer,

My LORD,

Of your GRACES

Moſt dutiful and humbleſt Servant,

PETER DU MOULIN.

To the Roman Catholicks *of his Majeſties Dominions.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THe Adverſary againſt whom I appear having laid a Charge of Rebellion againſt a ſort of Proteſtants in the Title page, hath in his Book brought the generality of Proteſtants under that Indictment. I will not imitate his unſincerity, by laying that Charge proper to the Court of *Rome*, and the Jeſuites, upon all the Roman Catholicks, knowing the Loyalty of many of them, with whoſe acquaintance I am honored, and making uſe in this Treatiſe of the Teſtimony of great Perſons, and whole Courts and Societies of the Roman profeſſion, againſt the precepts of Diſloyalty enjoyned by the Roman Court, and acted by the Jeſuites. For to theſe only I profeſs that my preſent oppoſition is limitted. Only I will be here your humble Suitor, That ſince the Pope is called by Cardinal *Bellarmine*, *The* [a] *Head of the Faith*, and [b] *The Fundamental Stone of* Sion, you be pleaſed to conſider ſeriouſly, how taking the Popes ſenſe and authority for the foundation of your Faith in this point, can conſiſt with that Honour and Loyalty which you harbour in your generous Breaſts: And how you that venture your lives ſo freely for the Defence of your King, can acknowledge the power which

[a] *Epiſt. ad Blackwel.*
[b] Præfat. ad lib. de ſummo Pontifice.

which the Pope assumeth of disposing of the Crowns and Lives of Kings, and absolving you from the duty of your Allegiance when he thinks good. Certainly, when you have weighed this in the Ballance of Conscience and sound Judgment, you shall find your selves hedged in within this *Dilemma*, either to cease to be good Subjects, or to acknowledge that the Pope can erre, even when he speaks & makes Decrees from his Chair. Of which Truth if you be once perswaded, your way is open to know more Truth. That our Faith may
Joh. 8. 32. be setled upon that *Truth which makes us free*, we must call upon the assistance of the God of Truth, and prepare for it a meek, docible, and unprejudiced spirit; which are qualities altogether remote from the furious & contumelious Adversary whom I take in hand in this Treatise. Yet since they are not opprobrious terms, but clear proofs that are most offensive to the accused, I cannot deny that I have been more offensive to him, than he to the Protestants. God govern his Catholick Church with the Spirit of Truth and Peace, and convert with his blessings those that curse us. So prayeth

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Your most humble Servant in the Lord
Jesus our Common Saviour,

Peter Du Moulin.

PREFACE.

The Deſign, Style, and Genius of that Libel. Obſervations upon the Epiſtle and Prefaces.

THE licentiouſneſs of the Preſs hath long ſince beaten me to that patience to let others ſpeak, contenting my ſelf to think; Looking upon the eagerneſs of ſome men to confute all untruths that appear abroad, as a relique of Knight-Errantry, which obliged the Knights to redreſs all the wrongs that were done in the world. But my patience was overcome by the bold and pernicious untruths vented in a Libel, tending to no leſs than the rooting out of Proteſtants out of all States of the world, as Rebels by their very Religion, and the Bane of all Governments. The whole work is purum putum mendacium, *right mettal of untruth in the main ſubſtance. The Title is falſe, for it picks a quarrel with the Presbyterians only, whereas the Book declareth open War to all the Proteſtants under Heaven. The pretence falſe; for the Author pretends to undertake*

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that task out of love to the King, whereas he works the Kings ruin by calumnies againſt his true Subjects, and by maintaining the Jeſuites, the ſworn enemies of his Crown and State. The face he puts on, is falſe many ways; for he pretends in his Epiſtle and Prefaces to publiſh the Book of a dead man, whereas the uniformity, or rather deformity of the affected broken Style, and Billings-Gate *language, in the Epiſtle, Prefaces, and the Body of the Book, ſhews all that falſe Coin to have been ſtampt in the ſame baſe Mint. The Author is produc'd as a Prieſt of the Church of* England; *whereas he ſpeaks as a Prieſt of the Church of* Rome. *The Publiſher calls himſelf* Bellamy, *whereas he is a* falſe Friend, *and a true Enemy, and moſt like it is, that no ſuch man as he names himſelf, is to be found: For ſuch Vizards are borrow'd by theſe children of darkneſs, A wrong Name, A contrary Profeſſion, A dead man that ſpeaks out of his Grave; three Vizards one over another; lies upon lies in the Porch; a right Entry into a Shop of Lies.*

But how much falſhood is in the Epiſtle? Was Bellamy *or the pretended dead Author well acquainted with that venerable Prelate to whom the Book is Dedicated? Did* Bellamy *ever preſent the Book to his Lordſhip? Did he chuſe him for his Patron, and ſtroak him with deſer-*

deſerved praiſes, to honor him, or to betray him, and make him odious, as a Patron of Popery, and Protector of Jeſuites? And laſtly the accuſations laid againſt the ſeveral Proteſtants, even theſe that are true, if any be, are they not falſely imputed to the generality of the party? And are not moſt of the alledged paſſages out of their writings maimed, detorted, or plainly forged?

O God of Truth, who loveſt truth in the inward parts, and lookeſt with piercing judicial eyes into the bottom of crafty projects through all the coverings of Hypocriſie; Is thy Truth to be defended with Falſhood? What fellowſhip hath the ſimplicity of thy Goſpel with this heap of multiplyed Impoſtures? And how can the zeal of Religion put a man that hath ſome ſenſe of ingenuity, upon ſuch falſe and crooked ways? Well, I ſee my ſelf engaged to fight with wild Beaſts, as St. Paul *did at* Epheſus. Let God ariſe, and let his enemies be ſcattered. Let them alſo that hate him, flee before him.

I did not ſee the Book but after the ſecond Edition, eight months after its firſt appearing; And though I had ſeen it before, I would have made no haſte to appear upon the liſts againſt this Adverſary, but expected of the Secular Power a more ſubſtantial, and indeed the right Confutation. But what! the ſmalneſs of the Libel,

and the Libeller, kept them hitherto from the Cenſure of Authority: For thoſe that ſtand in high places, can hardly diſcern ſuch ſtraws below: But we that ſtand below, may look nearer, and ſee poyſon in a ſtraw; and ought to repreſent unto our Superiours the miſchievouſneſs of this ſmall, yet dangerous thing.

Dangerous I ſay, not for the ſtrength of reaſon, nor for the bitterneſs neither; for the very extremity of malice in that Book makes it weak in reaſon, as it is the natural effect of pride and choler to enervate the judgment, and take reaſon off the hooks. But that which makes the Book dangerous, is the unparallell'd boldneſs and preſumptuouſneſs of the attempt. Could we believe, but that we ſee it, that in England, *where the Law gives no Toleration to the* Romiſh *Religion, a Papiſt durſt appear in Print, with his and his Printers name to the Book, to tax not only the Proteſtant Reformers, but the very Reformation of Rebellion and High Treaſon? Put among* Luther's *crimes, That* he preached againſt the Tyranny and Superiority of the Biſhop of *Rome*, and perſuaded the people not to render him any Obedience. *Call the Reformation the New Goſpel, Excuſe* Mariana, *and juſtifie the Jeſuites, againſt thoſe that charge them with the Doctrine of King-killing; Cry down Proteſtants, as perſons not to be truſted*

truſted with any part of the Government of the State, or ſuffered to live in any Commonwealth; Beſtow upon them the moſt contumelious terms that he could deviſe, Traytors, Diabolical, Cockatrices, Infernal Spirits, are the mildeſt words that he giveth them.

It is a ſilly colour to his malice to name them always Proteſtants of Integrity, *as if he meant a different ſort from other Proteſtants; whereas under that name he perſecuteth all the Reformed Chriſtians of* Europe, *following them from Country to Country. And although he durſt not ſo openly rail againſt the* Engliſh *Reformers, yet can he not abſtain to tax them of Rebellion under Queen* Mary, *ſaying moſt falſely, That there was more Rebellions in her poor five years, than in the forty four of Queen* Elizabeth; *thereby to ſhow, that the* Roman *Catholicks are the far more loyal ſubjects.*

In his pa. 109. his vizard fall down, and he ſaith openly, *Theſe rebel Doctrines are backt by the generality of thoſe that call themſelves Proteſtants.* pag. 71.

But that which goes beyond all examples of the moſt ſuperlative impudence, that moſt virulent Libel againſt the Proteſtants of Integrity, which is the Religion profeſſed in England, *he makes bold to recommend to the Protection of that Eminent and Vertuous Prelate, now our moſt Reverend Lord Archbiſhop of* Canterbury, *then the ſecond Eccleſiaſtical Perſon of all the Province, and Preſident of the Convocation.*

I pray Sir Philopapa (*for* Philanax Anglicus *is too good a Title for you*) *do you know who you ſpeak to? Do you think what you ſay? Do you remember where you are?* In qua tandem Civitate Catilina, arbitraris te vivere? *Do you think you are at* Rome *or* Madrid, *where you may bring, as you do, all Proteſtants to the Inquiſition? Or do you hope that our Loyal Clergy will miſtake you for one of their ſide, becauſe you rail againſt* Knox *and* Buchanan, *and make ſome profeſſion of Obedience, and declame againſt the late Rebellion? And when they know you once for the man you are, do you preſume that you can make them forget what Sovereign you are ſworn unto, and what power the Pope claims over all Kingdoms, and what particular Title he pretends to* England *and* Ireland?

Certainly Sir Philopapa (*for the Pope is the King you love, and whoſe Intereſt you promote among our Kings Subjects*) *I hope you ſhall find that your loud crys at my Lords Grace of* Canterbury's *door, for the putting down of all Proteſtants of Integrity, will prove as improper and unſeaſonable, as if you proclaimed at the Court-gates the Ordinance of the Rebels Parliament for putting down Monarchy; and that you ſhall be helped with ſome perſonal intereſt to increaſe your hatred againſt the Proteſtants of Integrity: for ſuch ſhall you find*

find the Kings Majeſty, His Council, His Parliament, the pious Fathers of the Church, and the wiſe Judges of the Land. Could you not content your ſelf to enjoy quietly your Sovereigns Clemency and forbearance, but you muſt defame in Print all that are not of your gang, which are no leſs than the King and the State? From their Juſtice nothing can ſecure you but your obſcurity. But while you take an order that your perſon may lie undiſcovered, I will make bold to diſcover ſome of your Impoſtures: All I cannot, neither is it material; for all that I need to do to provide an antidote againſt your poiſon, is to do two things: The one, to wipe off the aſperſions of Rebellion which you caſt upon the Holy Doctrine of the Proteſtant Churches. The other, to bring to the Bar the true Rebels; which will be no recrimination, but aſſerting the Pope in his ancient known poſſeſſion, of being the grand Patron and Architect of Rebellion of Subjects againſt their Sovereigns, and the eſpecial director of High Treaſon againſt the Kings of England.

Before I look to the body of his Book, ſomthing muſt be ſaid of his Epiſtle and Prefaces. His Epiſtle is addreſſed to no leſs than the Right Reverend Father in God, *Gilbert* Lord Biſhop of *London*, and Dean of His Majeſties Chappel Royal, *ſince deſervedly promoted*

moted to the higheſt dignity of the Church of England. *A great honor to his Book. How far the great Patron which he chuſeth is honored with that Dedication, and the due praiſes which he payeth unto him, is obvious to any ordinary underſtanding. Praiſe at the beſt is* κένφη δόσις ἀνδρὶ σοφῷ, but a light gift to a wiſe man. *And ſince* praiſe *hath its price from the* praiſer, *that eminent Prelate is little obliged to this Gentlemans praiſes, who juſtifies in his Book what he is, and what he aims at. It is praiſing him with a vengeance, to take him for a Protector of his miſchievous attempt.*

Seneca. Sit tibi tam turpe laudari à turpibus quam ſi lauderis ob turpia.

Τὸν αὐτὸν αἰνεῖν & ψέγειν ἀνδρὸς κακοῦ.

He hath more obliged our late moſt Reverend Archbiſhop Juxon, *now a glorious Saint in Heaven, whom he hath not ſpared to blame, though he doth not name him, but he points at him with his finger: And then tells my Lord of* London, From all theſe vanitys, your Lordſhips known Innocency and Piety hath always defended you; *ſcientifically inferring, that Innocency and Piety is inconſiſtent with the Character which he had given of that great Prelate. Could this Epiſtler be ſo ſenſeleſs as to expect thanks from a Biſhop of* London, *for raiſing his commendation upon the diſgrace of his Metropolitan? What needed he to go*

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ſo far out of his ſubject to bring in that malicious exception? For the blame of the one adds nothing to the praiſe of the other. Does he not ſhew his hatred againſt Proteſtant Prelates, which he could not but expreſs, even when he took one of them for his Patron? And no wonder that a Jeſuite ſhould malign an Archbiſhop of Canterbury, *ſeeing the Jeſuites had no greater enemies than thoſe that ſate in that See. That which he finds amiſs in that rarely accompliſhed Prelate, is commended in him by wiſe men, his laudable curioſity, fit for a great Naturaliſt, as he was, to keep ſeveral ſorts of Animals about his houſe, as* Ariſtotle *did before him: Their Nature and Inclinations he would obſerve with a judicious eye, and ſpeak of them pertinently and delightfully. Of theſe Natural Lectures he was pleaſed to make me hearer ſeveral times, and to imploy me to find him Books of that ſubject. So ſerious were his Recreations, when he would unbend, among thoſe whom he honoured with his Diſcourſes and Table, after his great Imployments about the Government of Church and State.*

As that great perſons known Piety *and* Innocency *cannot be blaſted by ſuch a weak enemy as this Jeſuite, ſo it needs not be defended by ſuch a weak Champion as I am. His admired Vertue ſhines in an Orb elevated*

far above the reach of the barking of envy; and if he needed the approbation of any under God, he had a Royal Teſtimony, when his late Majeſty, our glorious Saint and Martyr had ſo much confidence in his Piety and Innocency, and together in his Wiſdom and Courage, that of all his Divines he choſe him for his ſecond, when he was to encounter the terrors of a violent and ignominious death: And by the excellent uſe which he made of his godly counſel in the retirement of his laſt devotions, he ended his combates in a victorious death over all his enemies Spiritual and Temporal, and yielded his great ſoul unto God with joy and comfort. For one thing this Jeſuite and his Confreres had great reaſon to hate that godly Prelate; That after His Majeſty had ſpoken many Divine words upon the Scaffold, he put him in mind to make a profeſſion of his Religion; which he did, and profeſſed before God and the world, that he dyed a Proteſtant according to the Religion Eſtabliſhed by Law in the Church of England. *A profeſſion which gave great diſcontent to the Papiſts and the Fanaticks, for both wiſh'd that he had dyed a Papiſt indeed.*

It is known with what calmneſs of ſpirit, prudence, and magnanimity, that vertuous Prelate went through the tryals which he was put to after the Kings death;

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for he was as wiſe as a Serpent, though as harmleſs as a Dove: And among his many Vertues, he was a great Maſter of two, which ſeldom meet together, a ſingular and Moſes-*like Meekneſs, and an invincible Conſtancy. They that have known him moderating in the Univerſity, and have ſeen him ſince acting in the greateſt buſineſſes of the Kingdom, admire the readineſs and ſolidity of his judgment, fitted alike for ſpeculation and action, and in both excellent. His dexterity and patience overcoming the moſt difficult affairs. His ſincerity in declaring himſelf without Complements, and his fidelity in keeping his promiſes without wavering, were very remote from the imputation of* Vanity, *which this Enemy would faſten upon the reputation of that truly great and good man. I cannot leave, I cannot part from the mention of him, without that reverend and affectionate expreſſion of the* Jews *when they ſpeak of their vertuous Friends departed,* zecarono liberaca, *Let his memory be bleſſed, for ſo his ſoul is in Heaven, for all the good he hath done in Earth to ſo many, and to me for one, for to his Graces goodneſs, next to God, I owe great part of my well-being.*

To return to our Adverſary; Many things in his Epiſtle and Preface ſhew him to be an Adverſary indeed to the whole Proteſtant party, and a ſworn ſlave to the

Court of Rome. *But as he takes no pains to prove any thing, but that all Proteſtants are Rebels by their Religion, I will not take pains to diſprove any thing elſe.*

All his Preface is verba & voces; *Moralities far from his purpoſe, interlarded with invectives without ground. For who are thoſe* that will do no good work for fear of meriting by them? *And where are thoſe* Proteſtants among whom dulneſs and heavineſs of ſpirit is taken up as a practice? *A character more befitting Monaſtical devotion. God fetcheth light out of darkneſs; but it is the Devils work to fetch darkneſs out of light. This man labours to do the ſame,* Sententias loquitur carnifex. *But he goeth untowardly to work: for he pulls his doctrines by the hair to bring them to his uſes. It ſeems the man had made ſome petty declamations when he was a Grammar Scholar, in a broken boyiſh ſtile, made up of a thouſand ſtollen ſhreds: And now, leſt theſe pieces of wit ſhould periſh, he brings them in by head and ſhoulders to decide controverſies in points not controverted. For to his ſilly commendations of* devotion *and* humility, *one may ſay as the King to him that would commend* Hector *in his preſence,* Quis vero illas vituperat? *What need you ſpeak for theſe Vertues, when no body ſpeaks againſt them?*

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And what are theſe declamations to the matter in hand?

To give a taſte of his learning in Greek, he tranſlates πρακτὸν ἄλογον an eloquent Oration.

He calls St. Auſtin the Oracle of the Latin Church; *But he never belonged to it, but to the* African.

And for a taſte of his wit and eloqueuce, barking at the Moon, *he ſaith to be* the Divinity of Dogs.

This is of the ſame kind, The bleſſed eyes of Bats they have to mock at the greateſt lights. *But if the Bats mock at the great light, they would out-face it, whereas they hide themſelves from it.*

One more of theſe impertinencies out of the body of the book. He gives theſe commendations to our late excellent King, a Prince as Wiſe as *Apollo,* Valiant as *Achilles,* Vertuous as *Socrates,* Pious as *Æneas,* and Beautiful as an *Amazon. O brave Boy! Well declaimed for a Scholar of the ſecond Form! See what comes by being bred in the Colledges of the* Jeſuites *of* Flanders; *for ſuch a gallant ſtrain of Oratory could never have been learned in the Schools of* Weſtminſter *or* Eaton. *Yet me-thinks the firſt and the laſt of theſe compariſons have a reach quite beyond common ſenſe. Will he call holy King* Charles a Prince as wiſe as *Apollo?*

Pag. 57. & 58. There wanted no more but *animo prudens, ut Homerus*; as it is upon the Tomb of *Richard* the II.

Apollo? *It is a fit parallel for* Julian *the Apoſtate. Had he no better compariſon for that Saint than a Pagan God and a Devil, who by reaſon of the uncertainty of his Oracles, was called* λοξίας crooked and winding: *How doth that fit ſuch a pattern of Chriſtian and Royal ingenuity, ſo ſincere in his words, ſo real in his actions? The laſt parallel is as incongruous as the firſt, He calls the King as* Beautiful as an *Amazon. Where hath this Antiquary found thoſe* Viragines *the Amazons with their right breaſt burnt, ſet out as Paragons of Beauty? And though they had been ſuch, Is a Womans Beauty fit to expreſs the Majeſtical preſence of a King? Could he find in his heart to compare that Vertuous Prince to thoſe horrible Queans the* Amazons, *who had killed their Husbands and went to Bull among their Neighbours? How do theſe two compariſons ſuit with the ſubject, and one with another?*

----Velut ægri ſomnia vanæ
Finguntur ſpecies, ut nec pes nec caput uni
Reddatur formæ-------

This Writer affords more occaſions to make ſport with him by his ignorance, but more by his blind choler; than which there is nothing that diſarmeth a man more, and expoſeth him more to be a laughing-ſtock. Such another Picrochol *and* Cacafuego *I never met with,*

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His ſtyle is a continual caſting of fire-brands, and firing of Granado's to ſcatter among the Proteſtants in all the corners of the World. What would become of the Ship of this Church, if theſe men ruled upon the Deck, and were maſters of the Stern and the Sayls, ſeeing they are ſo ſwaggering now they lye under the Hatches?

Let the Author of the Book keep himſelf there for me, and remain unknown. The Publiſher will not acknowledge himſelf to be the Father, but only the God-father, although the Epiſtle, Preface, and Book, look like three brats of one venter. We need not queſtion who is the Father, ſince the God-father anſwereth for the child.

Neither is it more material to ſearch into the occaſion of the writing of the Book, which he ſaith to be a Letter from a Proteſtant of integrity, in anſwer a Letter from a perſon of quality. *Theſe Letters I never ſaw: But if that Proteſtant of integrity will have the* Presbyterians conformable to the Church of *England* in Eccleſiaſticks, *as the Epiſtle ſeems to intimate, we are of his mind; neither is any more required of the Presbyterians for the bleſſed work of concord, and for the comfort of their Proteſtant Brethren, and their own.*

PREFACE.

The Title of Philanax Anglicus, *whereby the Author makes a profession to love the King, is his passport into the patience of the Reader: And he makes of it a Fort, under the shelter of which he thinks he may boldly shoot upon whom he pleaseth to take for his mark. But what advantage this* lover of the King *alloweth to him, is much like the gift of Juglers; his Majesty may hold it fast, and find nothing in his hand, as we shall see afterwards.*

CHAP.

A Vindication of the Proteſtant Religion in the point of obedience to Sovereigns; oppoſed to the Doctrine of Rebellion, authorized and practiſed by the Pope and the Jeſuites. In anſwer to a Jeſuitical Libel, intituled, Philanax Anglicus.

CHAP. I.

Of the Objections out of the Books of Proteſtant Writers.

THE Book of this Adverſary conſiſting of ſtale Objections, which have been a thouſand times anſwered, would put me and any man that would anſwer him to the unavoidable neceſſity of ſaying over many things that were ſaid before; but that all his Objections may be reduced into one, and therefore one anſwer will ſerve for them all.

For from the beginning to the end, he objects unto us ſome paſſages out of Proteſtant Writers which ſavour of diſobedience, as he dreſſeth them, and ſome faults in that kind of thoſe that have embraced the Proteſtant party: whence he inferreth, That both the Doctrine and the Practcie of Reformed Religion is Rebellion. He labours eſpecially to pick faults in the firſt Reformers; but

coming ſhort of his end, he quarrelleth with others that came long ſince the Reformation.

But though he had brought the Reformers to plead guilty, he had done nothing againſt us; For to all theſe allegations we anſwer, that our Belief depends not upon the Doctrine of any particular perſon or perſons, much leſs upon their actions. But that to know the true belief of our Churches, one muſt look upon their publick Confeſſions of Faith.

The Law was received by the diſpoſition of Angels, ſaith St. *Steven*, Act. vii 53. and ſo was the Goſpel. But thoſe whom God uſed to draw his Church out of the abuſes of Popery were not angels but men, whom we hold not to have been infallible. Wherefore if one alledge to the *Engliſh* Churches ſome hard Sayings of perſons that had a hand in the Reformation, to the *German* Churches of *Luther*, to the *Helvetian* of *Zuinglius*; they will anſwer, They were men. They are not the Pillars of our Faith. Since thoſe men have laid open the Holy Scripture before us which was ſhut up before, it is no more for their word that we believe, for our ſelves have ſeen the ſaving Truth of God, and upon that we are built.

But that the faults of men may not be imploied or received to give a prejudice againſt the Doctrine of God, I deſire all judicious and ſober-minded to conſider, that in the midſt of the *Romiſh* darkneſs it was not to be expected that the ſaving light of Gods truth, and the Apoſtolical Government of the Church ſhould be diſcovered upon a ſudden by any man, completely and with all its parts. As *Rome* was not built in one day, no more was *Sion*. Many were great helpers towards the knowledg

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of the truth, who were themſelves very ſhort of it, and nevertheleſs ought to be reverently remembred by us for doing more than was to be expected in that Age, Such were the *Waldenſes*; ſuch was *Wickleff*, ſuch was *John Hus*, men too ſeverely cenſured by ſome of us as not throughly principled in many points of Religion. But how much truth did they diſcover? How much ſaving Doctrine did they bring forth? What laſting ſeeds of Reformation did they ſow, which lying buried for ſome Ages, ſprung forth, and had a happy growth to a greater perfection in the Age of our Fathers? Truly, although the announcing of the Goſpel by the Angels be called *the Day-ſpring from on high*, becauſe that light at Chriſts coming brake forth as it were from the Meridian, not from the Horizon, and was full at its very riſing; we are not to expect at every return of that light, after a long night that there ſhall be no difference between break of Day and Noon. No; the Truth is compared unto *a Light ſhining in a dark place until the day dawn and the Day-Star ariſe.* In theſe laſt Ages of the World, after a long darkneſs, the Sun of Truth did riſe by little and little. It ſhone at the firſt with much fog about it and caſt long ſhades. And we have reaſon to acknowledg with thankfulneſs and admiration, that among thoſe ſhades ſo much ſaving Light did ſhine as inlightened the underſtanding and comforted the Conſcience with the myſtery of Gods reconciliation with men in Jeſus Chriſt through faith and repentance, which is the main ſubſtance of Religion. For Grace as Nature begins with the noble parts, which are perfectioned long before the outward be finiſht.

Luk. i. 78.

2 Pet. i. 19.

Although I reverence very much the memory of thoſe that were raiſed by God to diſcover the errours of the Court of *Rome*, I will not juſtifie their errours, if they had any, nor all the words and writings of them that came after, and brought their work to a greater perfection. To compaſs that great work among the higheſt contradiction, and againſt the current of cuſtom, if men of ſtout ſpirits (and there was need of ſuch) had let fall from their mouth or pen ſome leſs reverend expreſſions than duty required, concerning the ſuperior powers that oppoſed them, none needs wonder at it, and yet none needs to juſtifie it, and we are very far from it. But though they had ſpoken treaſon, it caſts no blur upon our profeſſion, which is expreſt in our publick confeſſions. Neither do we acknowledg any private man to be the warrant of our faith.

I may then ſave my labour in examining whether our Adverſary hath faithfully alledged the writings of Proteſtant Divines, and truly repreſented their opinions, ſince their opinions are not our rule. And yet ſo much we will ſay for them, that thoſe very men whoſe opinions their Adverſaries miſ-repreſent unto the world, were the Writers and Compoſers of thoſe Confeſſions of Faith which were ſubſcribed unto, and acknowledged by the National Churches as the publick Declarations of their belief. Which Confeſſions are ſo full and pregnant in aſſerting the obedience of ſubjects unto their Soveraigns (as I will demonſtrate, God willing, in the third Chapter of this Treatiſe) that the greateſt Adverſaries find little to ſay againſt it. And our Adverſary (to whom his Party owes this commendation, that he hath carefully collected and epitomized all the objections made againſt us about

about the point of Obedience) paſſeth by our Confeſſions of faith as being without the reach of his exceptions. Only he nibbleth a little at the 39. Article of the *French* Confeſſion, which is this; *We affirm that Laws are to be obeyed, Tributes to be paid, and the Yoke of ſubjection to be born, although the Magiſtrates be infidels.* Thus far excellent well, ſaith the Adverſary, but that which follows ſpoils all in his opinion. *The Soveraign Empire of God remaining always entire*, Why? *here is a gallant latitude* (ſaith he) *for diſobedience and rebellion.* But no ſuch latitude is left by the Article. All that good reaſon can infer out of it, is, that we muſt obey the Magiſtrates as long as we may do it without diſobeying God. There is great difference between not obeying and rebelling.

I ſee nothing elſe bearing the ſtamp of publick conſent of any National Church among Proteſtants that this man excepts againſt in the point of Obedience. For his invective againſt the *Geneva* Bible, is a wilful miſtake. Some *Engliſh* exiles at *Geneva* Printed there a Bible; An Edition juſtly diſcredited by a Note in the Margin, 2 *Chron.* xv. 16. upon that *Aſa* put by his mother *Maacha* from the government for her idolatry. And the annotation ſaith, that he ſhould not only have depoſed her, but killed her. Which impious Paradox this Gentleman imputeth *to the whole Congregation of thoſe Proteſtants of integrity*, as he calls us, becauſe, ſaith he, *their holy* Geneva *Bible is admitted by their whole Kirk*; which we deny. No *Engliſh* Tranſlation of the Bible is authentical to be read in Churches, but that which was made by the commandment of King JAMES of glorious memory. Neither was that *Geneva* Bible tranſlated or received by publick Authority. Neither is *Geneva* more.

more to be taxed for it, than *London* for Printing the wicked Libel which I am now confuting, both being Printed without Licence. That note put in by ſome Fanatick, is rejected by all Proteſtants, and the generality muſt not be charged with a private mans folly.

Pag. 82. and 83.

Although I anſwer not for any private man, yet that the Reader may judge what credit he may give to this Gentlemans allegations, I have ſet down here a ſample of his unſincerity in his alledging of *Luther*. He ſets down three paſſages taken, as he ſaith, out of *Luther*'s Treatiſe *De Captivitate Babylonica Eccleſiæ*. The firſt *cap. De Sacramento Baptiſmi. Ab omnibus hominum legibus exempti ſumus libertate Chriſtiana nobis per Baptiſmum donata*; that is, *We are freed from all human Laws by the Chriſtian Liberty given to us by Baptiſm.*

I made uſe of the Edition of *Jena*, An. 1600. tom. 2. omnium operum D. Mart. Lutheri.

I may confidently affirm that theſe words are not to be found either in that Chapter, or in the whole Treatiſe. And if the Reader will be ſo inquiſitive as to look upon the place, he ſhall find it ſo. There *Luther* complains of the ceremonies wherewith the Pope hath clogged the Sacrament of Batiſm, and maintaineth that neither Biſhop, nor Pope, nor Angel hath power to impoſe ſuch human additions upon the Conſcience of Chriſtians to be obeyed as Laws. And yet if they be impoſed he will have Chriſtians to bear with them, keeping ſtill to themſelves that liberty of Conſcience to remember, that ſuch things are wrongfully impoſed, and taking heed either to juſtifie the tyranny, or to murmur againſt it. This is the ſenſe of the whole diſcourſe of *Luther*. But he ſaith no where *that the Chriſtian Liberty given to us by Baptiſm, exempts us from the Laws of Men.* This is a meer fiction.

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So is his ſecond allegation out of the ſame Book, *cap. de Matrimonio. Scio nullam Remp. Legibus feliciter adminiſtrari.* He makes *Luther* ſay, *I know that no State is happily governed by Laws:* but there is not one word of that in the whole Chapter of Matrimony, nor in the whole Treatiſe.

And *Luthers* opinion was as far from that Tenet as the Eaſt is from the Weſt, and the Pope and his Conclave from Chriſt and his Apoſtles. Shall we wonder that the Pope alters the *words* of Scripture, making the Text ſay, *ſhe ſhall bruiſe thy heel*, inſtead of *he*, to transfer the victory of Chriſt over the Devil unto Chriſts Mother; or that he giveth to Scripture a contrary *ſenſe*, turning *Feed my ſheep* into *Depoſe Kings, and diſpoſe of Kingdoms?* when ſuch men as our Adverſary take upon them to forge what *words* and *ſenſe* they will, and to father them upon whom they pleaſe?

Quid Domini facient, audent cum talia fures?

The third allegation is out of the Chapter *de Ordine* in the ſame Treatiſe; the words, as our Adverſary recites them, are theſe, *Turpe enim eſt, & iniquiter ſervile Chriſtianum hominem, qui liber eſt, aliis quam cœleſtibus & divinis legibus ſubjectum eſſe*; that is, *It is a foul thing, and wickedly ſervile, that a Chriſtian man who is free, ſhould be ſubject to any other but the divine and heavenly Laws.* But this Gentleman, or he from whom he hath borrowed theſe allegations, hath baſely corrupted and falſified this paſſage, putting *legibus* inſtead of *traditionibus*, which alters the ſenſe altogether, and changeth the queſtion: for *Luther* diſputeth againſt impoſing unneceſſary traditions in Religion, as neceſſary to ſalvation, and would not have a Chriſtian to ſubject himſelf in that kind to any *tradition*,

dition, but ſuch as are Divine and Heavenly. But this corrupter repreſents him as refuſing ſubjection to Civil Laws and Temporal Powers. Can there be a more ungodly and odious impoſture? And how doth this mans inference follow upon *Luther*'s diſcourſe? *So that it is moſt plain* (ſaith he) *that it was not* Luther's *deſign only to pull down Monarchy, but all other kinds of Civil Government, and to extirpate all Human Laws.* Certainly that inference depends no more upon *Luther*'s diſcourſe, then the new ſtars of *Galileo* upon the Aphoriſms of *Hippocrates.*

It is a good ſport to ſee how incenſed this Gentleman is againſt *Luther* for exhorting Kings and Princes to fall upon the Pope and his Cardinals, and to fulfil the Prophecy of *Rev.* xvii. That the Kings of the earth ſhall ſtrip the great Harlot naked, devour her, and burn her with fire. Which he exaggerates as High Treaſon, becauſe he acknowledgeth the Pope for his Sovereign, and the King of kings, whom none can reſiſt or call to account without incurring the crime of Rebellion.

For his other allegations againſt *Luther*, he ſhall not have the luck to be believed upon his word, after I have laid open his infidelity in that kind. He that hath leiſure or curioſity enough, may ſearch the places and examine whether they be true or falſe, neither of which concerns us. Yet a judicious view of the affairs of *Germany* at that time, and of the nature of Sovereignty and Subjection in the Empire, of which I intend to ſay ſomthing in the next Chapter, will make his hardeſt expreſſions to ſeem leſs ſtrange.

It is certain that he writ againſt King *Henry* the VIII. moſt ſlovenly. Yet obſerve, that *Henry* the VIII. was not

not his King. That he ſaid nothing againſt the obedience due to him by his ſubjects, and that he made amends to the King ſince, and cryed *Peccavi.* He was then leſs to blame than the Jeſuite *Sander*, who called the ſame King (his natural Prince) *another* Mahomet, *the root of ſin, and a moſt impious and ſacrilegious Tyrant*, and Queen *Elizabeth Lupam Anglicanam, the Engliſh Wolf-bitch*, and made them no amends for it. Sander, lib. de Schiſmate Anglicano.

This teſtimony cannot be denied to *Luther*, that he oppoſed Rebellion moſt vigorouſly; as it may be ſeen in his Epiſtle to the Boors that roſe in arms, and by his Sermon in the Camp, both pregnant for the obedience of ſubjects to their Princes; of which *Sleidan* giveth a faithful account, a better Author than our Adverſary, or *Cochlæus Luther*'s enemy. Sleidan lib. 5. ad an. 1525. Id. lib. 14. ad Ann. 1542.

The firſt and greateſt inſtrument of the *Helvetian* Reformation was *Zuinglius*, out of whoſe Books the Adverſary picks ſome paſſages to exhort the *Switzers* and *Germans* to defend their Religion againſt the Emperor. If there had been no quarrel of Religion at that time, yet he would have exhorted them to ſtand for their liberties againſt the Emperor. For the *Switzers* having ſhaken off the yoke of the Empire two hundred years before: It is no marvel that *Zuinglius* was not careful to exhort his Country-men and Neighbors to obedience to the Emperor, the perpetual underminer of the State which he lived in.

Obſerve that the Authors that write of the power of Princes, and of the duty of ſubjects, determine it according to the form of the States in which they live: and ſo no wonder that *Zuinglius* a *Switzer* acknowledgeth no ſucceſſive power, but conceiveth all Princes to be eligible

and depoſable by the Commonwealth. And that *Calvin* and *Beza* living in an Ariſtocratical State, ſhewed alſo in their Writings more inclination towards that kind of Government. So the *German* and *Italian* Writers are for a mixt and much limited Government. The *Engliſh* and *French* for Monarchy, with certain Laws. And if the *Turks* and *Muſcovites* could make Books, they would write for the Deſpotical and unlimited power.

Our Adverſary layeth a heavy charge upon *Melanthon*, that he ſhould ſay that *the inferior Magiſtrates may cut the throats of the ſuperior, and all this for reforming Religion*: for which he referreth us to two of his Books, without quoting the particular place; much like the direction of the Goodwifes Letter, *To my Husband dwelling at the Wars*. But no ſuch thing ſhall be found in all *Melanthon*'s Works. Neither is it ſuitable to the ſpirit of that wiſe and meek man.

Pag. 105. Melanthon in Epit. Moral. Philoſ. Id in lib. de Conſil. Evangelicis.

For *Calvin*, by reaſon of his Ariſtocratical Doctrine about the Tribunian power of the *tres ordines regni* over the King: I would leave him for ſuch as he is; but that it is my proper buſineſs at this time to diſcover the impoſture of my Adverſary, and he hath committed a ſignal one againſt *Calvin*, whom he hath ſerved juſt as he did *Luther* before. For he brings him upon the Stage,

——— *Lacerum crudeliter ora,*
Ora manuſque ambas. ———

as he did the other, miſerably torn and disfigured.

P. 103. Speaking of *oaths which bind us to obſerve and obey the King*, he ſaith, that *to all Oaths of this nature Mr.* Calvin *from his high Cathedral and conſiſtorial Tribunal gives this abſolution*; *Quibuſcunque hujus Evangelii lux affulget*, &c.

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ab omnibus laqueis & juramentis abſolvitur. I cannot make good *Engliſh* of falſe *Latine*, of which *Calvin* is not guilty, but it is as familiar with this Gentleman as falſe Doctrine. His meaning is to make *Calvin* ſay, that when a man is inlightned with the Goſpel of *Geneva*, he is free from all Oaths to his Sovereign; for it is of all *Oaths of that nature* that he makes *Mr.* Calvin *to give abſolution.* But there is a ſwarm of corruptions in that allegation. The words of *Calvin* are theſe. *Quibuſcunque ergo Chriſtus Evangelii ſui luce affulget, non dubium eſt quin ab omnibus eos laqueis expediat quibus ſe per ſuperſtitionem induerant*; that is, *As many then as Chriſt illuminateth with the light of his Goſpel, no doubt but he ſets them free from the ſnares into which they had engaged themſelves by ſuperſtition.* Without inſiſting upon all the words which he changeth, or addeth, or leaveth out: He altereth *Calvin*'s queſtion, whoſe diſcourſe I have therefore ſet in the Margin, that the Reader may ſee that he ſpeaks of Monaſtical Vows, which he affirms to be void, when by the light of the Goſpel they appear to be contrary to the Chriſtian Liberty purchaſed by Chriſt unto his Church. Whereas this Gentleman makes uſe of that paſſage to make *Calvin* abſolve Subjects of their Allegiance to their Sovereigns. Where is Conſcience? Where is Sincerity?

Calvin, l. 4. Inſt. c. 13. ſect. 21. Qui ex Monachiſmo ad honeſtum aliquod vivendi genus concedunt, fractæ fidei & perjurii graviter accuſantur, quod vinculum (ut vulgo creditur) inſolubile quo erant Deo & Eccleſiæ obligati abruperint. At ego nullum fuiſſe vinculum dico, ubi quod homo confirmat Deus abrogat. Deinde ut demus fuiſſe obligatos quum ignoratione Dei & errore impliciti tenerentur, nunc poſtquam veritatis notitiâ ſunt illuminati, ſimul Chriſti gratia liberos eſſe dico. Nam ſi tantam efficaciam habet crux Chriſti ut à Legis divinæ maledictione quâ vincti detinebamur nos abſolvat, quanto magis extraneis vinculis (quæ nihil ſunt quam captioſa Satanæ retia) nos eruet. Quibuſcunque ergo Chriſtus luce Evangelii ſui effulget, non dubium eſt quin ab omnibus eos laqueis expediat quibus ſe per ſuperſtitionem induerant.

Will Jeſuites uſe ſuch pious frauds to make Proſelytes? *Habeat jam Roma pudorem?*

I cannot pardon this Gentleman his prevarication about *Calvin*, though I ſhould make a digreſſion for it; for is it not good ſport to ſee him defend *Calvin* when he takes upon him to defame him? For having accuſed *Calvin* of Delicacy and Epicureiſm in his behavior, he brings for a witneſs *Florimond de Remond, a Gentleman of quality, who hath left us* (ſaith he) *the lively Image of him.* And when upon that I would ſee what lively Image *Florimond de Remond* left us of him, I found that he giveth this account of his life. Calvin *from his youth did macerate his body with faſting; whether it was to preſerve his Health, and by that abſtinence diſſipate the fumes of Meagrom wherewith he was afflicted, or that he might thereby be the more free to write, ſtudy, and exerciſe his memory. The truth is, that hardly could a man be found that equalled* Calvin *in Laborioſneſs. For twenty three years that he lived at* Geneva, *he preacht every day, and many times twice upon Sundays: every week he made publick leſſons of Divinity, and every* Friday *he was preſent at the Colloquy or Conference of Paſtors which they call Congregation. The reſt of his time he imployed in writing Books, or anſwering Letters of divers perſons.*

Pag. 7. Florimundus Raymundus Hiſtoriæ de nativ. Hær. &c. lib. 7. cap. 10.

Well, Sir Jeſuite, do you tax *Calvin* of Epicureiſm after your confreres, and bring convincing proofs againſt it: What diſcipline muſt ye expect from your Superiors at *Doway* for thus betraying their cauſe? It is well if you can ſcape the Chamber of Meditations. In the mean while all *thoſe ſerpentine* Geneva *Rabbins, that conquering Legion of the right cockatrice kind*, againſt whom you

These are his words Pag. 48, and 49.

you rail ſo emphatically, will give you thanks for your real help.

The Adverſary having done with *Calvin*, falls upon *Beza*, a man for whom I am leſs partial than for any of the Reformed Divines, herein heir of my Reverend Fathers diſlike of him for daſhing the fair hopes of agreement in Religion in the Colloquy of *Poiſſy* by his immoderate behaviour. But to lay a charge upon *Beza*'s Doctrine about the point of the Authority of Kings, and Obedience of Subjects, he ſhould have taken Allegations out of *Beza*'s undoubted Writings, not out of pieces without name, aſcribed to him by his Enemies. Such is *Euſebius Philadelphus:* Such is the Treatiſe *de jure Magiſtratus*, which this very Adverſary ſaith to be aſcribed by ſome to *Hottoman.* Such is alſo *Junius Brutus*; concerning whom we ſtand to the Oracle of our Engliſh *Solomon* King *JAMES* in his *Defence of the right of Kings* againſt Cardinal *Perron.* Junius Brutus, *when he objects unto us, is an unknown Author, and perhaps ſome of the* Roman *Church hath made it to make Proteſtants odious unto Princes.* The conjectures of that great King are more certain than the affirmations of the Jeſuites.

As for *Beza*'s ſiding with the Princes of the Blood that were in Arms againſt the Court, which our Adverſary objects unto him, and proveth it by ſome Letters of his, and the teſtimony of *Baldwin* his enemy; the quality of that charge depends upon the nature of that quarrel, of which ſomthing muſt be ſaid before he and I part.

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Philip. Paræus Append. ad Rom. 13. Loquitur D. parens mens cum Politicis & Juris conſultis non de Rege abſoluta poteſtate inducto, ſed ſub conditione admiſſo. Pag. 23.

For *Paræus*, we are againſt him about the point of obedience as much as our Adverſary. His ſon ſeeing what general oppoſition his Doctrine found among the Proteſtants, and that the Book was burnt in *England* by Authority, made this excuſe for his Father, *Valeat quantum valere poteſt*; *My Father ſpeaks with the Politicks and Juriſconſults, not of a King inveſted with abſolute power, but admitted upon conditions.* *Paræus* conſider'd not how the World was abroad, but how it was in his Country.

The Adverſary quarrelleth alſo with *Gracerus*, but hath nothing elſe to ſay againſt him, but that he is againſt the Antichriſt. *Coercenda gladio eſt Antichriſti ambitio*, which he expounds thus, *That Antichriſtian ambition is to be cut off with the ſword, that is, all Princes and Prelates.* It ſeems the man taketh part with Antichriſt, ſince he taxeth *Gracerus* for being againſt him. But that *Gracerus* would cut off Princes and Prelates, becauſe he would repreſs the ambition of Antichriſt, is a great inconſequence. Obſerve this Gentlemans learning, the Verb *coercere* ſignifieth *repreſs*, which is a modeſt term of *Gracerus*: But our Adverſary tranſlates it *cut off*; ſhewing himſelf to be as great a Scholar in Latin, as he approved himſelf to be in Greek, when he tranſlated πρακτὸν ἄλογον, *an eloquent Oration.* And that his head is much like that upon a clipt ſixpence, it is a little head without letters.

Pag. 47. & ſeq.

His objection of the Rebellious Maxims of ſome *Scots*, as *Knox* and *Buchanan*, is now ſtale and out of ſeaſon, ſince they have been generally condemned and exploded by Proteſtants both on this and the other ſide of the Sea.

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The judgment of the learned *Rivet* to this purpoſe is ingenious and prudent, that theſe things muſt be imputed to the hot and audacious brains of the *Scots*, then heated again by perſecution. Let me add, that when the perſecution was pretty well overcome, they were kept in their heat by ſharp contention. There being then a Royal Baſtard, who pretending that his Father had once a deſign to make him King, followed that deſign very cloſe, yet cloſely, raiſing all the troubles he could againſt the Kings Widow, and his legitimate Heir: for which the difference of Religion happening about that time, gave him fair play; for all his ambitious projects were cloaked with the furtherance of the cauſe of the Goſpel. This was the man that countenanced that Divinity of Rebellion.

Rivet. Caſtig. Not. in Epiſt. ad Balſac. Cap. 13. Num. 14. ſub finem.

Which that it may not be imputed to the Religion, I deſire all judicious heads maturely to ponder Dr. *Rivet*'s wiſe obſervation; That the *Scots* of a hundred and five Kings, which they reckon till Queen *Mary*, had depoſed three, expelled five, and killed thirty five. I demand then whether all thoſe exceſſes muſt be imputed to the Doctrine and Zeal of Religion. If ſo, let the *Roman* Catholicks look how they ſhall defend their Religion which then was prevalent. But if that muſt be imputed to the bold and ſtirring Genius of the Nation, why ſhall the troubles riſen under the Queen Regent of *Scotland* and her daughter *Mary* be aſcribed to Religion, and Reformation, and ſuppoſed to be the cauſe, not the occaſion, by the managing of crafty ſelf-ſeeking men, of the diſtempers of the State, and the intemperance of Pens? Yea, it ſhall be found, as Dr. *Rivet* obſerveth, (and we find it now) that the light of the Evangelical truth did very

very much mitigate the fierceneſs of the Nation; and that thoſe diſorders, as turbulent as they were, are not comparable to thoſe that were in former times in *Scotland*: which as we are too ingenuous to aſcribe to the Religion of thoſe days, the *Papiſts* ought to ſhew the like ingenuity about the exceſſes of wits and ſwords ſince the coming of the Reformation.

It were to no purpoſe to follow all the objections of this Gentleman out of Proteſtant Writers; ſince whether they be well or ill alledged, our belief is not engaged in their ill opinions, nor our reputation concerned in the wrong done to them by perverſe and unfaithful allegations. I have diſcovered ſo many of them, that the Reader may as well miſtruſt his other Citations. If all were as they are repreſented, they are but ſo many Doctors opinions ſtrengthened with no approbation of perſons Authorized for it. And to ſpeak after our moſt Excellent King *JAMES* in his *Defence of the right of Kings*. *I would not defend all that ſome private men could ſay. It is enough that in our Religion there is no rule to be found that preſcribeth Rebellion, nor any thing that diſpenſeth ſubjects from the Oath of their Allegiance, nor any of our Churches that receive that abominable Doctrine.*

This is ſpoken with a Royal brevity, and an imperious weight, which both confutes all objections in that kind, and together ſilently retorts upon the *Roman* Catholicks, that among them they have Rules that preſcribe Rebellion, and an Authority diſpenſing from the Oath of Allegiance, and that their Church is commanded to receive that abominable Doctrine.

Bleſſed

Bleſſed be God, our Doctrine about the point of obedience never gave yet jealouſie to Kings, though of contrary Religion. Whereas the Sovereign Courts of the ſame Princes have expelled the Jeſuites for teaching and practiſing the Murther of Kings, and condemned the Popes Bulls to be torn for ſowing Rebellion among the people. Is it not a matter for no leſs patience than that of God, to ſee thoſe that teach Rebellion by the publick expreſs Laws of the head of their Church, now to charge our Churches with Rebellion for ſome words of private men, either falſly imputed unto them, or diſallowed by the generality of the Proteſtant Churches? Is it for him that hath cut the purſe to cry, ſtop the thief? Muſt the Doctors of High Treaſon lay an action of Rebellion againſt us, in effect becauſe we will not be Rebels with them, and acknowledg a King above our King? for when all is ſaid, that is the ground of the quarrel, and we can buy our peace with them at no other rate. But before I lay the charge againſt them, at which I long to be, I muſt make an end of anſwering the charge which they lay againſt us.

Chap. II.

Whether the Reformation of Religion ought to be charged with Rebellion. Reflections upon the actions of the Proteſtant party.

THE Charge of Rebellion which the Adverſary layeth againſt us, conſiſteth in two things, The Doctrine of our Divines and the actions of our party, eſpecially in the beginnings of the Reformation. I have

anſwered the firſt part of the Charge, and ſhewed that either the Charge is falſe, or it is nothing to us, becauſe we have no dependence upon the Authors charged with it. To which I will add but this; That if as much pains was taken to ſet forth all that thoſe very men have written for obedience, as this Gentleman hath taken to make them ſpeak Treaſon, it would be far more in bulk, and more home, than all that the *Roman* Catholicks have written or dare write of that ſubject.

* Our Adverſary chargeth *Luther*, the firſt Inſtrument in Gods hand for the work of Reformation in *Germany*, that he *was the great Grand-father of the prodigious Doctrines againſt the State, Dignity, and Perſons of Kings and Princes.* Why? did he Rebel againſt his Princes? Did he ſtir Rebellion in other Princes States? Did he teach, as the Jeſuit *Azorius* did ſince, that *all that were tyed with any Bond of Oath or Fidelity, or any other paction or promiſe to an Heretick, were freed of it?* Then, if ever, it was the right time for him to Preach that Doctrine, if he had approved of it, when Commons and Corporations embraced the Reformation, many of them without the Princes conſent. Nay, he did always labor moſt earneſtly and ſucceſsfully to put down Rebellions when any aroſe. What was then his Rebellion? Marry, *he Preached againſt the Tyranny and Superiority of the Biſhops of* Rome, ſaith our Adverſary, *and perſuaded the people not to render to him any Obedience.* This was the Rebellion, the moſt horrid of all Rebellions in the eyes of Jeſuits. I enter not into the queſtion of

* Pag. 72. *Azor. Moral. Inſtit. parte* 1. *lib.* 8. *cap.* 13. Eos omnes qui erant hæretico aliqua ratione obſtricti jurisjurandi ſeu fidelitatis ſeu alterius pactionis & promiſſionis liberati.

Pag. 73, and 74.

of the Popes ſuperiority. My Adverſary keeping himſelf to matter of fact, I muſt keep my ſelf to it alſo.

Luther was a man of an invincible ſpirit; one that ſpared neither King nor Pope, when the truth of God which he announced was oppoſed: And in his expreſſions he was εὐθυῤῥήμων, one that ſpake down-right without mincing. Yet as ſtout as he was, I find that he behaved himſelf with great modeſty and patience with the Pope for a great while: And in all his Addreſſes to him for redreſs of the horrible abuſes reigning in the Church, he uſed a Chriſtian humility and ſubmiſſion to the Popes pleaſure, if his Holineſs would have hearkned to Conſcience and Reaſon, and remembred the duty of his place. But when the Pope and the great Clergy of *Germany* uſed him with the utmoſt ſcorn and inhumanity, he paid them in the ſame coin. The Pope burnt his *Theſes*, and he burnt the Popes *Decretals* in the Market-place; and writ againſt the higheſt of the *Roman* Clergy in high terms, a crime much exaggerated by our Adverſary. This is all the Rebellion (if they call it ſo) that either *Luther* or the beginning of the Reformation can be charged with. For the Reformation was embraced by many Princes and Imperial Cities ſo freely and ſo quietly, that the Adverſary could find no ground to object any other Rebellion unto them, but that againſt the Biſhop of *Rome*, who in effect was neither their Biſhop nor their Prince.

So that which our Adverſary (after others) objects againſt *Luther*, That he exhorted the Emperor, Kings and Princes to *fall upon the Pope and Cardinals, and all the filth of the* Roman *Sodom*, is nothing to the queſtion in hand.

Pag. 24. *Luther in Sylveſtrium Pruratem.* Si fures furcâ, ſi latrones gladio, ſi hæreticos igne plectimus, cur non magis iſtos magiſtros perditionis, hos Cardinales, hos Papas, & totam iſtam Romanæ Sodomæ colluviem, quæ Eccleſiam Dei ſine fine corrumpit, omnibus armis impetimus?

For there *Luther* ſpeaks not of any inſurrection of ſubjects againſt their lawful Soveraign, but of the juſtice which the Princes of Chriſtian Provinces ought to exerciſe againſt the Tyrants and Corrupters of the Church. He had tryed all means of Piety, Charity, Equity, and Reaſon. When all would not ſerve, and that the Pope and the Cardinals would neither Reform the Church nor themſelves, nor admit of an Appeal to the Council for that great Work, then *Luther* brake out into theſe words: *Mihi verò videtur, ſi ita perget furor Romaniſtarum, nullum eſſe reliquum remedium quàm ut Imperator, Reges & Principes vi & armis accincti, aggrediantur has peſtes Orbis terrarum, rémque non jam verbis ſed ferro decernant.* That is, *It is my opinion, if the fury of the Romaniſts continue, that there is no remedy remaining but that the Emperor, Kings, and Princes who are furniſht with force arms, ſhould take theſe plagues of the world in hand, and decide the quarrel no more with words but with the ſword.* And then follow the words written in our margent, which are a continuation of his exhortation to the Higher Powers to make uſe againſt them of the Sword of Juſtice. This is better than to ſet on private men to ſtab them, or ſtir up the Rabble to fall upon them according to the maxims and practice of the Jeſuits. But *Luther* went the right way to work, when he exhorted thoſe to whom God had committed the power of the Sword, to make uſe of it to repreſs the Tyranny and Oppreſſion both Spiritual and Civil uſed in their Dominions by a foreign uſurped

uſurped power; and the rather, becauſe the Emperor and the Princes hae been very earneſt with the Pope to remove by his Paſtoral care all the cauſes of complaint.

It is objected againſt *Luther* and his party, that they entred into a Confederacy of Defenſive Arms at *Smalcald*; that *Luther* himſelf made a Book *contra duo Mandata Cæſaris*, againſt two Edicts of the Emperor. And that in his Book *de bello contra Turcas*, *he denyed the Emperor to be the Head of the Chriſtian Common-wealth*: But to judg aright of that Confederacy, and of the opinions of the *German* Divines and Lawyers about the Emperor Rights, and of the Wars of that Age between the Emperor and the Princes of the Empire, we muſt conſider the Conſtitution of the Empire of *Germany*. And to that end look to their *Magna Charta*, which is *Bulla aurea* made under the Emperor CHARLES IV. and *Capitulatio Cæſarea*, Anno 1356. Whereby, if the Emperor or the King of the *Romans* violate any of the Rights of the Subject Eſtabliſhed by that Capitulation, It is declared to be lawful for the Electors, Princes, Prelates, Nobles, and Commons, either jointly or ſeverally, to reſiſt them without crime of Rebellion or Infidelity.

Melchior Goldſtat. Tom. . *pag.* 424. Quod ſi nos ipſi (inquit Imperator) quod abſit, aut quiſquam Succeſſorum noſtrorum, quod non ſperamus, proceſſu temporis aliquo huic noſtræ ſtatutioni aut ordinationi contravenire voluerit aut eam retractare, aut alio quovis modo violare præſumpſerit, præſentium literarum authoritate & poteſtatis regiæ plenitudine ex certâ Majeſtatis noſtræ ſcientiâ, necnon cum conſenſu & beneplacito præfatorum ſacri Romani Imperii Principum Electorum in robur perpetuæ firmitatis ſancivimus, ex tunc tam ipſi Electores quàm cæteri Principes, Eccleſiaſtici & Sæculares, Prælati, Comites, Barones, Nobiles & Communitates ſacri noſtri Imperiii, univerſi ac ſinguli, præſentes & futuri, licitum habeant ſine Rebellionis aut Infidelitatis crimine reſiſtendi ac contradicendi nobis & Succeſſoribus noſtris Romanorum Regibus vel Imperatoribus in perpetuam libertatem.

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Three hundred and fifty years before that, a *German* Pope *Gregory* V. had brought in the Inſtitution of the *Electors*, as the Centuriators of *Magdeburg* report. But *Aventinus* and *Onuphrius* more credibly make it of later date, after the death of *Frederick* II. whom Pope *Innocent* IV. had perſecuted to death; and the Empire being much weakned by the loſs of that great Emperor, to weaken him more yet, either *Innocent* IV. or his Succeſſor *Alexander* III. procured ſeven perpetual Electors, whoſe Intereſt ſhould be to keep always the Emperors low, to keep themſelves high. Since that time the Emperors Authority in many parts of *Germany* is little more than a Title, and a reſpect without power; for the Electors may both Elect and depoſe him. They and the other Princes of the Empire govern their Signories, and pay nothing to him but homage. And the Cities called *Imperial* are they that have the greateſt exemptions from the Imperial Laws. Wherefore the exclamations of the Adverſaries about the reſiſtance of the Elector of *Saxony*, with other Princes of the Empire, and ſome Imperial Cities againſt the Emperor, and about the words of *German* Divines or Juriſts to that purpoſe; are very ignorantly or maliciouſly urged as Rebellious; for neither the words nor the actions of thoſe *Germans* ought to be weighed in the balance of the duty of other Subjects to their abſolute Sovereigns.

Luther who was always very rigid for the ſubjection of every ſoul to the higher powers, and had written a Book expreſly of that ſubject, had much ado to be perſuaded to conſent to a Confederacy of defenſive Arms againſt the Emperor; who being ſet on by the Court of *Rome*, oppreſſed

preſſed the liberties of *Germany*; and to ſuppreſs the growing Reformation, took more cognizance of Caſes belonging to the juriſdiction of the Princes, and Cities of the Empire, than he was allowed by the Authentical Capitulations, till the learned in the Law ſatisfied him about the Statutes of his Country, and his Reaſon and Conſcience ſhewed him, that the Apoſtle commanding Chriſtians to *ſubmit themſelves to every ordinance of man for the Lords ſake*, requireth of them an obedience proportioned to the conſtitutions of the States, of which they are members. Of that conſultation *Sleidan* giveth this account.

Before they made the Confederacy, they called to Counſel not only Juriſts, but Divines alſo. For Luther *had taught always that the Magiſtrate muſt not be reſiſted, and a Book of his concerning that ſubject was extant. But when in that conſultation the learned in Law ſhewed that it was permitted by the Laws to reſiſt ſomtimes, and demonſtrated that at that time their buſineſs was come to that very caſe, of which the Laws make mention among other things*; Luther *did ingenuouſly profeſs that he knew not that it was Lawful: And becauſe the Goſpel doth not impugne or aboliſh the Politick Laws, as he had always taught. Alſo becauſe, the time being ſo perillous and full of terror, many things might happen*

Sleidan. Hiſt. lib. 8. *ad an.* 1531. Priuſquam fœdus iniretur, in conſilium adhibiti ſunt non Juris-conſulti modo, ſed Theologi quoque. Lutherus enim ſemper docuerat Magiſtratui non eſſe reſiſtendum; & exſtabat ejus ea de re libellus. Cum autem in hac deliberatione periti juris docerent legibus eſſe permiſſum reſiſtere nonnunquam, & nunc in eum caſum de quo leges inter alias mentionem faciunt rem eſſe deductam oſtenderent, Lutherus ingenue profitetur ſe neſciviſſe hoc licere: Et quia leges Politicas Evangelium non impugnat aut aboleat, uti ſemper docuerit. Deinde quoniam hoc tempore tam dubio tamque formidoloſo multa poſſint accidere, ſic ut non modo jus ipſum ſed conſcientiæ quoque vis atque neceſſitas arma nobis porrigat, defenſionis cauſa fœdus iniri poſſe dicit, ſive Cæſar ipſe, ſive quis alius forte bellum ejus nomine faciat.

which would put the Arms in our hands, not only by the preſcript of the Law, but by the force of Conſcience and Neceſſity, he declared his opinion, that a Defenſive League might juſtly be made, whether the Emperor himſelf, or any other in his name ſhould make War againſt us.

While they were thus met at *Smalcald*, the Emperor ſent Letters to them, not to condemn or diſſolve their meeting, as a King of *England* or *France* would have done, for he knew that by the Laws they might meet to look to their common intereſt without him, yea and againſt him. But to charge the Proteſtants to ſend help againſt the *Turk*, who was advancing with a great Army towards *Germany*. The Proteſtants anſwered, that becauſe the Emperor would grant them no Peace at home, nor ſuſpenſion of the Decree of Confiſcation againſt their Eſtates for their Religion, and that they were in daily expectation of proſcription and Hoſtile dealing from him, they could not cut off their own ſinews, and lay themſelves open to his Hoſtility to help him againſt a Foreign Enemy. But if he would make all fiſcal proceedings for the matter of Religion to ſurceaſe till the time of the promiſed Council, and grant them peace and ſafety at home, they would not only aſſiſt him againſt the *Turk* with all their power, but ſerve him in all the publick intereſts to which their duty bound them. And this is that Confederacy of *Smalcald* which the Adverſary cryeth down as the ſpring and pattern of Rebellion from that time to our days; how juſtly, let the equitable Reader judg.

If it be objected, that this abridging of the Emperors power was wrongfully got from him, I will grant it: It was

was *jus quod cœpit ab injuria*; *a right that begun by wrong*; yet confirmed by the Emperors with Authentical Charters, and ſtrengthned by long preſcription. The Emperor may thank the Popes for it, who having an ancient jealouſie of the Imperial rights in *Italy*, and not able to ſuffer any *King of the Romans*, but themſelves, have powerfully laboured for many ages to break the Emperors power every where. And it was by their practices, that the conſtitution of the Electors and the Golden Bull was made, and thoſe great immunities given to the Princes of the Empire and Imperial Cities, whereby the Emperor is remained a manacled Prince; ſo unable in moſt parts of the Empire to ſtretch his hands upon the meaneſt perſons that trouble him, that he could never ſo much as ſecure *Luther* a poor Monk, though urged to it by the moſt powerful and irreſiſtible ſollicitations of the Court of *Rome*; But *Luther* continued till death (about thirty years) deſtroying the Popes intereſt in *Germany*, and all parts of *Europe*, and neither Pope nor *Cæſar* could touch him. Wonderful are the ways of Gods juſtice, that the Pope by fomenting factions in the Empire, and breaking the Emperors power, did prepare ſafety and facility for his Enemies in the following Ages, to make that great breach in his Kingdom, and give that mortal wound to his power, of which it ſhall bleed till it dye of it.

Againſt the *Helvetian* Reformation the Adverſary ſaith nothing, only he arrayeth *Zuinglius* in a *ſwaggering ſwaſh-buckler habit*, as if he had wrought Reformation with Sword and Buckler; yet it was made quietly by the Preaching of the Goſpel, and began at *Zurick* in the year 1522. When *Zuinglius* was cenſured by the Biſhop

of *Conſtance* his Ordinary for oppoſing the *Romiſh* errors, he ſet forth *Theſes* containing his Doctrine, and the Senate of *Zurick* called together all the Clergy of the *Canton* to confer about Religion, and requeſted the Biſhop to be preſent, or ſend ſome Authorized by him. The Biſhop ſent *Johannes Faber* his Vicar General, in whoſe preſence the Conſul invited all the aſſiſtants, if they had any thing to oppoſe unto the *Theſes* of *Zuinglius* that they would ſpeak. And *Zuinglius* having addreſt the ſame invitation to the Vicar in particular, the Vicar anſwered, that treating of Controverſies was not fit for that place, and that it belonged to the Council which ſhould aſſemble ſhortly. After that many words had paſſed between them, when none appeared that had any thing to oppoſe, the Senate made an Edict, that in all their dominions the Goſpel ſhould be purely taught out of the Books of the Old and New Teſtament, and that human Traditions ſhould be baniſht. This was obeyed, and Reformation was Eſtabliſhed without either *Sword* or *Buckler*. Neither do I Read that *Zuinglius* was in Arms till eleven years after, that five *Cantons* of contrary Religion ſuddenly invaded that of *Zurick*, and put *Zurick* men to a neceſſary but diſorderly defenſe, in which *Zuinglius* was ſlain. The *Switzers* had Cantoned themſelves in in the year 1315. which was 200 years before the Reformation. Were I as unſincere as my Adverſary, I ſhould charge the *Roman* Religion which then reigned with that change of State.

From *Zuinglius* the Adverſary paſſeth to *Calvin* as the head of the *French* Reformation, wherein he ſheweth his great Ignorance; for the Reformed Religion was

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ſpread in *France* twenty years before *Calvin* was ſettled in *Geneva*, and well nigh aſſoon as in *Germany*. The beginning of which muſt not be aſcribed to one *Hugo*, whom our Adverſary knows not, nor any body elſe. But the truth is, that it was in *France* long before it was in *Germany*, ever ſince the errors and tyranny of the Court of *Rome* began to be oppoſed by the *Valdenſes*, whoſe relicks after long Perſecutions by Fire and Sword, remained in the Vale of *Cabrieres* and *Marindol* in *Provence*. It was from thence that Reformation was propagated, incouraged by the happy progreſſes of *Luther* and *Zuinglius*. Wherefore the Popes creatures perceiving whence that blow came upon the *Roman* Court, never left ſoliciting *Francis* the I. of *France*, till they got an Edict for the extirpating of them, which was executed with the utmoſt rigour.

And it was not for Religion that they were thus butchered, but merely to make a ſacrifice to the pride and cruelty of *Rome*. For as for their doctrine that excellent King *Lewis* the XII. liked it ſo well, that to ſome that repreſented it to him, and would incenſe him againſt him: He anſwered that they were better Chriſtians than he and his Kingdom.

This was then the true *Origine* of the Reformation of *France*, the doctrine of the *Valdenſes* preſerved in the relicks of their deſcent: a doctrine perfectioned ſince into a more Orthodox Confeſſion, conformable to the Confeſſions of other Proteſtant Churches. So *Calvin* had no hand in that Reformation, and no more had he with that of *Geneva*, or in turning that State into an Ariſtocracy, as this Adverſary upbraids him.

My buſineſs being to vindicate Reformation from the charge of Rebellion, I muſt take from the Reformers of *Geneva* that aſperſion, that they expelled their Biſhop, that they altered the conſtitution of that State, and both theſe aſcribed unto *Calvin*. It is a tradition received in *England* for a current & undoubted truth. And upon that ground many fine and judicious inferences are built. But it is like the ſtories of the Phenix, and the ſinging of Swans before their death, never the truer for the curious ſimilies and ingenious moralities that have been ſpun out of that ſtuff. What credit can we give to Hiſtories of things happened in the *Indies* two thouſand years ago, if in things done ſo lately, and ſo near us, groſs miſtakes go for uncontrolable truths? I ſay it is utterly falſe that *Calvin* was one of the planters of Reformed Religion at *Geneva*. Falſe alſo that he or the Reformers of *Geneva* turned their Biſhop out of doors. And falſe alſo that the Biſhop went away upon the quarrel of Religion. *Farel*, *Froment*, and *Viret* were they that wrought under God the converſion of the City by their Sermons, and by a publick conference with the Friars and Clergy of *Geneva*, there being then no Biſhop in that Town, who was fled eight moneths before, ſeeing his conſpiracy diſcovered, to oppreſs the liberties of the City, by the help of the Duke of *Savoy*, for which his Secretary was hanged after he was gone; the ſaid Biſhop being hated before for the Rape of a Virgin, and many Adulteries with Citizens Wives. And it is moſt to be noted, that they who after his flight reformed the Civil Government, were ſtrong Papiſts, and mainly oppoſed the Reformation of the Government, *&c.* by *John Durel*, *Tonſtal*, *Gardiner*, *Bonner*, &c.

Epiſtola Benedicti Terretini ad Sculteſum in Annal. reformationis An. 1529.

See the Book entituled, A view.

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Religion. To which ſomething like was ſeen in *England*, not far from that time: For the ſame Engliſh Biſhops that moſt earneſtly ſerved *Henry* the VIII. to make him acknowledged the Supreme Head of the Church of *England*, were afterwards the greateſt oppoſers of the work of Reformation, and the fierceſt perſecutors of the Proteſtants.

That the Church Diſcipliue of *Geneva* was conſtituted without a Biſhop, is a matter of another nature: Their Succeſſors that continue it ſo to this day, are of age, let them ſpeak for themſelves. It is enough for my preſent purpoſe that I have vindicated the Introduction of Reformation into that State, from the crime of Rebellion.

As long as their Biſhop lived, they could not have another, and durſt not receive him, being manifeſtly convicted of ſelling the Cities liberty to the Duke of *Savoy*: And when the Biſhop died, they had uſed themſelves to live without a Biſhop.

The firſt proof of our Adverſary to indite the French Reformation of Rebellion, is the enterpriſe of *Amboiſe*, An. 1560. But the Proteſtant Religion had ſubſiſted already forty years in *France* under the croſs: And the Profeſſors of the ſame, though numerous, had never fought for their Religion, but by their conſtancy in aſſerting the truth and ſuffering for it.

The Enterpriſe of *Amboiſe* was a meer quarrel of State, not of Religion; and *Renaudie* the Leader was a man moſt averſe from the Proteſtant Religion: The quarrel was this, King *Francis* the II. being about ſixteen years of age, and younger in underſtanding than years, was altogether governed by ſome Lords of the Houſe of *Guiſe*, then

then lookt upon as Strangers, and the Princes of the blood were excluded from the buſineſſes of State. Theſe excluded Princes plotted to ſurpriſe the Court at *Amboiſe*, and remove Strangers from about the Kings perſon, thinking themſelves ſufficiently warranted by their quality and intereſt; that Plot was cried down as Rebellious, becauſe it did not take effect; and being diſcovered, the Houſe of *Guiſe* did not fail to make it a matter of High Treaſon: although the great *Thuanus* depoſe for the Conſpirators, that, *None of them was convicted of any attempt againſt the King and Queen, but onely againſt Strangers, who governed all things about the Court in a tyrannical way.* Who ſo knoweth the intereſts of the Princes of the blood of *France*, will never call that attempt Treaſon. And if they could do ſo much by the right of their Birth, their right was never the worſe for their being Proteſtants.

Thuan. Hiſt. lib 24. Nullos ex conjuratis convictos fuiſſe alicujus molitionis in Regem aut Reginam, ſed tantum in exteros qui in Aulâ tyrannicè omnia adminiſtrabant, nempe Guiſianos.

Francis II. being dead ſoon after, and his Succeſſor *Charls* the IX. being under age, the Princes of the blood had more right than before to claim the management of the publick affairs, being intruſted with them by the Laws of the Kingdom in the Kings minority, at leaſt in conjunction with the Queen Mother. And being excluded from it again, they raiſed an Army to recover their right. That right is not conſidered at all by Jeſuites, that take upon them now a hundred years after to cenſure their actions, for theſe Princes and their followers are repreſented only as Hereticks and Rebels that made War againſt their Soveraign.

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After the King was out of minority, the Princes and their party, ſeeing that the King was much incenſed againſt them, and was of a dangerous and implacable nature, durſt not come near him; and the frequent Maſſacres made them keep themſelves in a poſture of defence, and repel force by force.

To be rid of them at once, the King uſed that famous and unparallel'd treachery of a feigned peace with the Proteſtants, ſealed with the Marriage of his Siſter with the head of their party, the firſt Prince of the blood next to his Brothers, *Henry* King of *Navarre*; and having invited them to the Wedding, he ſlew them in their Beds. The number of the ſlain in cold blood on St. *Bartholomew*'s day and ſince, within the ſpace of three months, amounted to about a hundred thouſand. An action publickly commended by the Pope, and the Murtherers rewarded with many ſpiritual graces by his Holineſs.

That the relicks of the party after that general execution, took defenſive Arms, as it is not to be commended, it is not to be wondred at neither: Men are not Angels, and there is nothing more natural than to ſtrive for life.

The Houſe of *Guiſe* having formed the League, pretended for the deſtruction of Hereſie, but intended by them for the pulling down of the Royal Houſe, King *Henry* the III. perceiving this too late, made uſe of *Henry* King of *Navarre*, then the apparent Heir of the Crown, and of his Proteſtant Army, to oppoſe the League.

That King being ſtabbed by a Monk ſoon after, the Head of the Proteſtant party became lawful King, and his Proteſtant Army, the Royal Army: yet their Arms then, though never ſo juſt, were as much condemned by the

the Pope as before, and as much taxed of Rebellion. But that praiſe cannot be denied to their Arms, that by them, as Gods chief inſtruments, the Rebellion of the League was defeated, and the lawful King preſerved, raiſed, and ſetled upon his Throne, whilſt the Jeſuited Zealots expreſt their zeal of Religion, by attempting to ſtab him, and were too good Catholicks to be good Subjects.

Since our Adverſary alledgeth the words of King *James* of bleſſed and glorious memory, and ſets himſelf forth under the name of *Philanax*, a Lover of the King, he muſt in duty ſtand to the judgment of that great and judicious King. This Sentence his Majeſty pronounceth of that cauſe which his Enemy calleth *a moſt unanſwerable Rebellion*, pag. 14. *I never knew yet* (ſaith the King) *that the French Proteſtants took Arms againſt their King. In the firſt troubles they ſtood only upon their defence. Before they took Arms, they were burnt and maſſacred every where; and the quarrel did not begin for Religion, but becauſe when King* Francis *the* II. *was under Age, they had been the refuge of the Princes of the Blood expelled from the Court, even of the Grand-father of the King now reigning, and of that of the Prince of* Conde, *who knew not where to take Sanctuary: For which the preſent King hath reaſon to wiſh them well. It ſhall not be found that they made any other War; nay, is it not true that King* Henry *the* III. *ſent Armies againſt them, to deſtroy them; and yet they ran to his help, as ſoon as they ſaw him in danger? Is it not true that they ſaved his life at* Tours, *and delivered him from an extream peril? Is it not true that they never forſook neither him nor his Succeſſour in the midſt of the revolt and rebellion of moſt part of the King-*

Defence of the Right of Kings.

Kingdom, raiſed by the Pope and the greateſt part of his Clergy? Is it not true that they have aſſiſted him in all his Battails, and helped much to raiſe the Crown again, which was ready to fall? Is it not true that they which perſecuted the late King (Henry the IV.) *enjoy this day the fruits of the ſervices done by the Proteſtants? Who are now maligned not for controverſies of Religion, but becauſe that if their advice was followed, the Crown of the French Kings ſhould no more depend on the Pope, there would be no French-man in* France *that is not the Kings Subject; there would be no appeal to* Rome *of beneficial and matrimonial cauſes, and the Kingdom ſhould be no more tributary under colour of* Annats, *and the like impoſitions. Even Cardinal* Perron *cleareth them from that imputation* (of Rebellion) *when he ſaith that the doctrine of the depoſition of Kings by the Pope was received in* France *till* Calvin *: He doth then ſilently acknowledge that Kings were ill ſerved before, and that thoſe whom he calls Hereticks, having brought forth the Holy Scripture to the publick ſight, have made the Right of Kings known, which was oppreſt before.* Such a judgment is of great weight, coming from a wiſe King, who was truly informed of the buſineſſes of his Neighbours: Certainly, *ſi perito in arte ſua credendum eſt:* If a skilful Artiſt muſt be believed when he ſpeaketh within the compaſs of his Art, none can decide better what Rebellion is, and what is not, than a great Monarch, jealous of the Royal Authority, skilled in the duty of Subjects, and one that had a long ſtruggling with Rebellious Spirits.

This Sentence was pronounced by his Majeſty in the year 1615. when *France* had Peace at home and abroad.

Two years after they had the like teſtimony of their fidelity from their own King, by a Letter of his Majeſty written to their Deputies aſſembled in a Synod at *Vitre*, in theſe terms: *We have received with good ſatisfaction, the new aſſurances and proteſtations which you have made unto us of your fidelity and obedience: In the which, if you perſiſt as you ought, and as you have done before, you may alſo be aſſured that we ſhall always have a care to maintain and preſerve you in all the advantages which have been granted unto you.* Theſe Letters bear the date of *May* 29. 1617. from *Paris*.

Nous avons receu bien volontiers les nouvelles aſſurances & proteſtations que vous nous avez faites de voſtre fidelité & obeiſſance; En laquelle perſiſtans comme vous devez & que vous avez fait par le paſsé, vous pouvez auſſi eſtre aſſurez que nous aurons touſiours ſoin de vous maintenir & conſerver en tous les avantages qui vous ont eſté accordez.

Theſe Letters were Printed and Publiſhed with other Declarations.

Cardinal *d' Oſſat* ſpeaking to Cardinal *Aldobrandin*, Nephew to *Clement* the VIII. about the execrable murther attempted by *John Chaſtel* againſt *Henry* the IV. of *France*, told him, *that if ſuch attempts were allowable, they were more proper to execute for the Hereticks* (ſo he is pleaſed to call the Proteſtants) *whom the King hath left and forſaken, and who have reaſon to ſtand in fear of him: and yet they never attempted any ſuch thing, neither againſt him, nor againſt any of five Kings, his Predeceſſors, what ſlaughter ſoever they have made of the ſaid Hugenots.* But

Sil y avoit lieu a de tels aſſaſſinats ce ſeroit aux Heretiques a les pourchaſſer & executer, qui'il a quittez & abandonnez & qui avoyent a ſe craindre le luy & toutefois ils n'ont rien attenté contre luy ni contre aucun de cinq de nos Roys ſes predeceſſeurs quelque boucherie que leurs Majeſtez ayent fait deſdits Huguenots. *Card. d' Oſſat. Epit. 8. a Mr. de Villeroy. Jan. 25. 1595. pag. 77.*

But the greateſt teſtimony of their fidelity, is that famous Edict of *Nantes*, which was expreſly made to reward them with priviledges for their conſtant adhearing to their King, in the long Calamities of *France*.

Seeing then that the French Proteſtants were acknowledged good Subjects by their Soveraign, and have deſerved by their ſignal loyalty and long ſervices to the Crown, thoſe few priviledges which they hardly enjoy; it is evident how unjuſt the ordinary expoſtulation is, That the Roman Catholicks have not the publick allowed exerciſe of Religion in *England*, as the Proteſtants have in *France*. There is great reaſon for that differing dealing. The French Proteſtants have deſerved their Liberty and more, by their conſtant fidelity and valour, having maintained their King with their Purſes, and defended him with their Swords, ſo many years againſt the Jeſuitical party, who had made a League with Strangers to keep him from the Crown, and take away his Life. It is known that the Grandfather of the King now reigning, was ſet upon the Throne by the Swords of his Proteſtant Subjects: Let the Jeſuical party of *England* ſhew the like ſervice to their Soveraign, whereby they deſerve the like recompence. What care did they take of the preſervation of their Sovereigns lives, Queen *Elizabeth* and King *James*? How did they defend their Crowns againſt the claim and invaſion of Strangers? Did they further or hinder the return of our gracious King now reigning? If ſome few Roman Catholicks have fought for our glorious King and Martyr *Charles* the I. their whole party fares

the better by it now, and finds the King a grateful Prince, remembring good deeds, and forgetting injuries: Then the difference of their doctrine in point of Government, ought to make a great difference in the allowance of the publick exercise of their Religion. The Jesuited Catholicks acknowledge another Sovereign over their King, both for the Spiritual and the Temporal, a forreign power, which can dispense them of their Allegiance to him. The Protestants acknowledge no Sovereign above their King, and give no jealousie by their doctrine to the Roman Catholick Princes and States, under which they live, as the Jesuits have done, even to Roman Catholicks, by whom they have been expelled out of their Dominions, as Teachers of a doctrine tending to Rebellion.

Of the troubles that followed, whoso will give an impartial judgment, must look upon the condition of the French Protestants since King *Henry* IV. bought his peace with the party of the League by the change of his Religion. That King seeing himself obliged to provide for the safety of his Protestant Subjects, by whose Arms and long Service he had been preserved in his adversities, and finally placed upon the Royal Seat, gave them some places of strength in several Provinces of the Kingdom for certain years; and by an Edict (called the Edict of *Nantes*) the free enjoying of their Estates, and the open exercise of their Religion, with some limitation of places.

Of the priviledges granted them by that Edict, there were many infractions, especially since the death of *Henry* IV. who both by his Authority, and together by his antient interest in the Protestant party, kept all quiet, and preserved them

them from thoſe wrongs to which the weakeſt are always obnoxious.

The term being expired of the grant of thoſe places, King *Lewis* the XIII. renewed it for four or five years, after which he would have them out of their hands. That they were to be reſtored upon the Kings demand, was the opinion of grave Proteſtants, the ſevereſt exactors of the obedience of Subjects to the Sovereign; of my Reverend Father eſpecially, who being eminent and reſpected in the party, was a principal means to keep the Proteſtant Churches on this ſide *Loire* in peace and in duty to their King, for which his Majeſty ſent him a conſiderable ſum of money, which he refuſed to take, ſaying, that he could be loyal to his King without being bought.

But the neceſſity of their keeping thoſe places, ſeemed to be juſtified by the reaſon of the firſt grant, which was to preſerve them from the violence of their bitter Enemies; for (ſaid they) if ſo many places of ſafety could not keep us ſafe from their inſolence, what will become of us when we ſhall lye naked of all defence, and expoſed to the will of that party which uſed us before like Sheep appointed to the Slaughter?

Upon theſe terms they were when the Aſſembly of *Rochel* being once licenſed by their King, and ſince forbidden, ſate againſt his will, & took order for a defenſive War. Whereupon, my Reverend Father returning from the National Synod of *Alais*, of which he had been Preſident, writ a Letter to them, which I inſert here as very pertinent to my purpoſe.

The Aſſembly of *Rochel* was not an Eccleſiaſtick but a Politick Aſſembly, for thoſe two ſorts of Aſſemblies they were allowed to keep, but now the Eccleſiaſtick only is allowed.

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Gentlemen,

I Do not write to you to pour my Sorrows into your boſom, or to entertain you with my private croſſes: upon that I need no comforter, accounting it a great honour, that in the publick affliction of the Church, God would have me to march in the front. And I would account it a great happineſs if all the ſtorm ſhould light on my head, ſo that I were the only Sufferer, and the Church of God ſhould enjoy Peace and Proſperity. A more ſmarting care hath moved me to write to you, and forced me to go beyond my nature, which was always averſe from medling with publick buſineſſes, and from moving out of the ſphere of my proper calling. For ſeeing the general body of the Church in eminent danger, and upon the brink of a diſmal precipice, it was not poſſible for me to keep ſilence. Nay, I cannot be ſilent in this urgent neceſſity, without drawing upon me the guilt of Inſenſibility and Cruelty towards the Church of God. And I am full of hope, that while I deliver my mind to you about publick buſineſſes, my domeſtick affliction will free me from jealouſies in your opinion. And if I be not believed, at leaſt I ſhall be excuſed. Indeed it doth not become me to take upon me to give counſel to an Aſſembly of Perſons choſen out of the whole Kingdom to bear the burden of the publick affairs in a time ſo full of difficulties; yet I think it uſeful for you to be truly informed what the ſenſe is, and what the diſpoſition of our Churches by perſons that have a particular knowledge of it.

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The question being then, whether you ought to separate your Assembly to obey his Majesty, or keep together to give order to the affairs of the Churches, I am obliged to tell you, that the general desire of our Churches is, that it may please God to continue our peace in our obedience to his Majesty. And that seeing the King resolved to make himself obeyed by the force of his Arms, they trust, that you will do your best to avoid that storm, and rather yield unto necessity, than to engage them in a War which most certainly will ruine most part of our Churches, and will bring us into a trouble, of which we see the beginning, but can see no end. By obeying the King, you shall take away the pretence used by those that set his Majesty on to prosecute us: and if we must be persecuted, all that fear God, desire that it may be for the profession of the Gospel, and that our persecution may truly be the Cross of Christ. In one word, I can assure you, Gentlemen, that the greatest and best part *of our Churches wisheth for your separation, if it may be with the safety of your persons: yea, that many of the* Roman *Church desiring the publick peace, are continually about us, beseeching and exhorting us that we do not by casting our selves headlong, involve them in the same ruine.*

None could have a more particular knowledge of it, than he who was lately come from the National Synod in the South of *France*, where he made it his business to observe the posture of the affairs of the Protestants.

Hereupon I need not represent unto you how terribly and generally our poor Flocks are frighted and dismayed, casting their eyes upon you as persons that may procure their rest, and by yielding to the present necessity, blow away the storm hanging over their heads. Many already have forsaken the Land, many have forsaken their Religion; whence you may judge what dissipation is like to follow, if this exasperation go on further.

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No more do I need to recommend unto you to have a tender care of the preſervation of our poor Churches, knowing that you would chuſe death, rather than to draw that reproach upon you, that you have haſtened the perſecution of the Church, and deſtroyed that which the zeal of our Fathers have planted, and that you have put this State in confuſion.

I am not ignorant that many reaſons are alledged to perſwade you to continue your Aſſembly, they tell you that the King hath granted it; but for that grant of his Majeſty you can ſhew no Warrant, nor any written Declaration, without which all promiſes are but words in the air: for Kings believe they have power to forbid that which they have permitted, and to revoke that which they have granted, when they judge it expedient for the good of their affairs. Neither is there any of you, after he hath ſent his Servant, or given him leave to go to ſome place, that thinks not that he hath power to call him back. Sovereign Princes eſpecially, are very unwilling to keep their promiſes, when they have been extorted.

Alſo great number of grievances and contraventions to the Kings Edicts are repreſented unto you, which complaints, to our great grief, are too true. But that I may not urge that we have given occaſion to many of thoſe evils our own ſelves, the difficulty lyeth not in repreſenting our griefs, but in finding the remedies. Conſider then whether the ſubſiſtance of your Aſſembly can heal all theſe ſores; whether your ſitting can give a ſhelter to our Churches, provide all things neceſſary for a War where the parties are ſo unequal, raiſe Forces, and make a Stock to pay them: Whether all the good that your ſitting can pro-

produce can countervail the diſſipation of ſo many Churches which lye open to the wrath of their Enemies: Whether when they are fallen, you can raiſe them again: Whether in the evident diviſion that is among us, you are able to rally the ſcattered parts of that divided body, which if it were well united, yet would be too weak to ſtand upon the defenſive.

Pardon me, Gentlemen, if I tell you that you ſhall not find all our Proteſtants inclined to obey your reſolutions; and that the fire being kindled, all about you ſhall remain helpleſs beholders of the ruine which you have drawn on our heads. Neither can it be unknown to you, that many of the beſt quality among us, and beſt able to defend us, openly blame our actions, holding and profeſſing, that ſuffering for this cauſe, is not ſuffering for the cauſe of God. Theſe making no reſiſtance, and opening the gates of their places, or joyning their Arms with the Kings, you may eaſily judge what loſs and what weakening of the party that will be. How many of our Nobility will forſake you, ſome out of Treachery, ſome out of weakneſs? Even they who in an Aſſembly are moſt vehement in their Votes, and to ſhew themſelves Zealous, are altogether for violent ways, are very often they that will Revolt and Betray their Brethren. They bring our diſtreſſed Churches to the hotteſt danger, and there leave them, going away after they have ſet the houſe on fire. And ſo it proved.

If there be once Fighting or Beſieging of our Towns, whatſoever the iſſue may be of the Combate or the Siege, all that while it will be hard to keep the People animated againſt us, from falling upon our Churches, which

have neither retreat nor defence. And what order ſoever the Magiſtrates of contrary Religion take about it, they ſhall never be able to compaſs it.

I might alſo repreſent unto you many reaſons out of the ſtate of our Churches, both within and without the Kingdom, to ſhew you that this ſtirring of yours is altogether unſeaſonable, and that you ſet ſail againſt wind and tyde. But you are clear-ſighted enough to ſee it, and to conſider in what poſture your Neighbours are, and from whence you may look for help; whether among you the vertue and the concord, and the quality of the heads be grown or diminiſht. Certainly this is not the time when the troubling of this Pool can heal our Diſeaſes. And certain it is, that if any thing can help ſo much weakneſs, it muſt be the Zeal of Religion, which in the time of our Fathers hath upholden us, when we had leſs ſtrength and more vertue. But in this cauſe you ſhall find that Zeal languiſhing, becauſe moſt of our People *believe that this evil might have been avoided without breach of Conſcience. Be ye ſure that there will be always diſunion among us, every time that we ſhall ſtir, for civil cauſes, and not directly for the cauſe of the Goſpel.*

Againſt that it is objected that our Enemies have determined our ruin; that they undermine us by little and little; that it is better to begin now, than to ſtay longer. Truly that man ſhould be void of common ſenſe that doubted of their ill will. And yet when I call to mind our ſeveral Loſſes, as that of Lectoure, Privas, *and* Bern, *I find that we our ſelves have contributed to them, and it is no wonder that our Enemies take no care to remedy our faults, and that they joyn with us to do*

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us harm. But hence it follows, not that we muſt throw the helve after the hatchet, and ſet our Houſe on fire our ſelves, becauſe others are reſolved to burn it, or take in hand to remedy particular loſſes by means weak to redreſs them, but ſtrong and certain to ruin the general. God, who hath ſo many times diverted the counſels taken for our ruin, hath neither loſt his power nor altered his will. We ſhall find him the ſame ſtill, if we have the grace to wait for his aſſiſtance, not caſting our ſelves headlong by our impatience, or ſetting our mind obſtinately upon impoſſibilities. Take this for certain, that although our Enemies ſeek our ruin, they will never undertake it openly, without ſome pretence other and better than that of Religion, which we muſt not give them. For if we keep our ſelves in the obedience which Subjects owe to their Sovereign, you ſhall ſee, that while our Enemies hope in vain that we ſhall make our ſelves guilty by ſome diſobedience, God will give them ſome other work, and afford us occaſions to ſhew to his Majeſty that we are a body uſeful to his State, and put him in mind of the ſignal ſervices that our Churches have done to the late King of glorious memory. But if we are ſo unfortunate, that while we keep our ſelves in our duty, the calumnies of our Enemies prevail, at leaſt we ſhall get this ſatisfaction that we have kept all the right on our ſide, and made it appear that we love the Peace of the State.

Notwithſtanding all this, Gentlemen, you may and ought to take order for the ſafety of your perſons. For whereas his Majeſty and his Council have ſaid often, that if you ſeparate your ſelves, he will let your Churches enjoy peace, and the benefit of his Edicts, it is not reaſonable

that your ſeparation be done with the peril of your perſons. And whenever you petition for your ſafe diſſolution, I truſt it will be eaſily obtained, if you make poſſible requeſts, and ſuch as the miſery of the time, and the preſent neceſſity can bear. In the mean while you may adviſe before you part, what ſhould be done, if notwithſtanding your ſeparation, we ſhould be oppreſt, that order your prudence may find, and it is not my part to ſuggeſt it unto you.

If by propounding theſe things unto you, I have exceeded the limits of diſcretion, you will be pleaſed to impute it to my zeal for the good and preſervation of the Church. And if this advice of mine is rejected, as unworthy of your conſideration, this comfort I ſhall have, that I have diſcharged my Conſcience, and retiring my ſelf into ſome foreign Countrey, there I will end thoſe few days which I have yet to live, lamenting the loſs of the Church, and the deſtruction of the Temple, for the building whereof, I have laboured with much more courage and fidelity than ſucceſs. The Lord turn away his Wrath us, direct your Aſſembly, and preſerve your Perſons. I reſt, &c.

From Sedan, Feb. 12. 1621.

When this Letter was read in the Aſſembly, ſome aroſe immediately and left it: others continued to ſit, and by their ſitting, turned theſe Warnings into Prophecies. This Epiſtle will give to the judicious Reader an inſight into the affairs of that time and State; and

and together into the preſent queſtion, which is altogether of fact, whether and how far the *French* Proteſtants may be taxed of diſobedience againſt their Sovereign. For it is juſtified by this relation, that when ſome of them reſiſted, they had the greateſt temptation to it that a juſt fear can preſent unto fleſh and blood; and yet that even then they were diſavowed by the *beſt and the moſt* of their Church, and exhorted to their duty by their Divines, which in points of Conſcience are the repreſentative perſons of a party when they are ſolemnly met; and this was the ſenſe of the National Synod, of which this eminent Divine was Preſident but two moneths before.

Here every wiſe and charitable Chriſtian ſhould lay *David*'s doctrine to heart, *Pſal.* 41. 1. אשרי משכיל אל דל *Bleſſed is he that conſiders with intelligence and judgment him that is in a low condition.* It is eaſie for us that enjoy proſperity under a gracious King, to determine the point of paſſive obedience: not ſo for them that groan under the ſad burden of the Croſs. Chriſtian equity ought to pity thoſe that are expoſed to the ſad counſels of terrour and deſpair.

I am not without ſuſpition, that when thoſe places of ſafety were granted to them by *Henry* the IV. their Enemies in the Kings Council ſuggeſted or furthered that grant for their undoing in the time to come; for they might well foreſee, that on the one ſide a wiſe King would not ſuffer long ſuch a Diſeaſe in his own Bowels as a party of his Subjects armed with places of ſecurity againſt him: and that on the other ſide, the party ſo ſecured, would not part with that ſecurity for their Religion,

gion, Liberties, and Lives, without committing ſuch actions as would make them obnoxious to their Sovereigns anger and their ruine.

Three or four years after the rendition of all thoſe places to the King, the Duke of *Montmorancy* raiſed a party againſt him in *Languedock*, of which he was Governour, hoping to find the Proteſtants which are numerous there, prepared Subjects for an Inſurrection; yet neither his ſolicitations, nor the reſentment of their ſufferings could move them to aſſiſt him. But they joyned univerſally with the King, and did rare Service in a Battel where that Duke was defeated and taken, and with him a Jeſuited Biſhop. And it is to be noted, that old Marſhal *de la Force*, a Proteſtant, that hardly eſcaped the Maſſacre of S. *Bartholomew*, was one of the chief Commanders of the Kings Army.

The Adverſary gives a touch of the Wars, begun in *Germany*, *Bohemia*, and *Hungary*, in the year 1619. of which he imputes the whole cauſe to the Proteſtants. I undertake not to juſtifie their errours; I ſay only, that whoſo had looked with an ordinary judgment upon the face of thoſe Countries, as they were then divided and ballanced between the Papiſt and the Proteſtant party, might have foretold without a ſpirit of prophecy, that they ſhould not enjoy a long peace, there being ſo many free ſpirits animated to liberty and revenge by the ſeverity of the ſuperſtitious houſe of *Auſtria* towards their Proteſtant Subjects.

If *Bethlem Gabor* was a prodigious Man, and a *demi-Turk*, as this man makes him, it is nothing to us: as Religion juſtifieth no mans faults, no mans faults can condemn

demn Religion. The notion under which I fancy that Man, is, that of a Cannot-ſhot without a Bullet, which makes a great and ſhort crack, and no effect. All that the Adverſary ſaith of his dealing with the *Turks*, ſheweth, that the Proteſtants of *Hungary* were ſo oppreſt by the Emperour, that they wiſht themſelves the *Turks* Subjects. I pray God they do not ſo ſtill, and with them the other Proteſtants belonging to the Emperours hereditary Countries, ſeeing their Brethren that live under the *Turk* enjoy the freedom of their Religion. The ſame reaſon might make the Proteſtants of the Empire ſlow to contribute towards the War againſt the *Turks*; yet I hear they are as forward as any. It is not declaiming againſt them (as the Adverſary doth) but uſing them like Chriſtians, that will make them joyn heartily with the Emperour in that War. The *Spaniſh* branch of the houſe of *Auſtria* hath loſt great part of the *Netherlands* by the inflexibleneſs of *Philip* the II. of *Spain*, to grant liberty of Religion to his Proteſtant Subjects. Let the *German* branch of *Auſtria* which uſeth the like hardneſs, take heed of the like loſs.

The Reformation of Religion in the United Provinces, is that upon which the Adverſary triumpheth moſt, it being very apparent, to his thinking, that they brought it in by ſhaking off the Yoke of the King of *Spain*. But there is great difference between reforming and eſtabliſhing the Reformation. The firſt was done by the Word, the ſecond by the Sword, and the firſt forty years before the ſecond. The Reformed Religion was ſpred over the Seventeen Provinces many years, before there was any thought of making an Union againſt the

the Spaniard; neither was that Union made upon the ſcore of Religion, but of State, for maintaining their Franchiſes againſt the oppreſſion of *Spain*; as it was ſufficiently juſtified by their chuſing of *Francis* Duke of *Alenſon*, a Roman Catholick, for their Prince; which they would never have done, if the Union *had ever marched under the notion of Religion*, as our Adverſary affirmeth, or if the Proteſtants had been the greater number. And that Religion was not that which knit the party, and that there was no ſuch thing in the Articles, it appeared again when ſome Provinces forſook the Union, becauſe the Prince of *Orange* had put Religion among the cauſes of their defenſive War. If then the Union was unjuſt, the injuſtice muſt not be caſt upon Religion, ſince it was not made upon that intereſt; and if it was juſt, it could not become unjuſt, by the acceſſion of the intereſt of Religion, to the other intereſts. So that which way ſoever the Adverſary takes it, the Roman Catholicks bear an equal ſhare with the Proteſtants, in the right and wrong of the cauſe; *Flanders* and *Brabant* were as guilty as *Holland* and *Zealand:* The difference is, that *Flanders* and *Brabant* were beaten to obedience by the Duke of *Parma*, but *Holland* and *Zealand* proved too ſtrong for him. The World beholds with amazement the ſucceſs of that Union, that theſe little Provinces ſhould bring their Prince to be their ſuppliant, that he might be allowed to quit his right over them, and acknowledge them Free States, yea, and to juſtifie their Arms. It is that ſucceſs, not their guilt, that makes our Adverſary ſo vehement againſt them;

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for ill Gameſters will be angry when they are loſers.

Whether it be out of wilfulneſs or ignorance, this Gentleman miſ-repreſents that buſineſs, ſpeaking of the King of *Spain*, as of an abſolute Sovereign of the Low Countries, and of the people, as of meer Subjects. *Philip* the II. was not their *King*, but their *Count*. But it is beſides my buſineſs, to inquire how the rights of Sovereignty were divided between the Prince and the people, which ought to be known before the caſe be ſtated. I have ſaid ſomthing of that in my *Clamor Regii Sanguinis ad Cœlum.*

If the cauſe of Religion made the quarrel irreconcileable, *Philip* the II. may thank himſelf for it. *Strada* the great Friend of the Spaniard, tells us that the Great Council of *Spain* repreſented to the King, that unleſs he granted liberty of Conſcience to his Subjects of the *Netherlands*, the Countrey would be loſt, and the War perpetual; whereupon the King fell on his knees before a Crucifix, and vowed that he would chuſe to loſe his Dominions, rather than to permit Hereſie, ſo he called the Proteſtant Religion. If many years after they were offered to be ſecured for their Religion, as our Adverſary ſaith (which I never heard before) it was too late. It is an equitable motion, and more advantagious for the Roman party than ours, that exceſſes happening by the ordinary courſe of humane buſineſſes be not imputed to Religion. Oppreſſion will make Subjects to ſhake off the Yoke: And the proſperity of their defection keeps them from returning to their former ſubjection. *pag. 39.*

From *Holland* the Adverſary ſaileth into *Scotland*, and objects to us the Maxims of *Knox* and *Buchanan*, and the diſorders of that time. Of which I have ſaid enough in the Chapter before.

Of the Work of Reformation in *England*, and the publick actions of that Age upon that intereſt, he
Pag. 71. ſpeaks very ſcornfully; ſaying, that the *Sect of Wickliff lay Strangled in the Cradle till King* Edward *the VI. his days, when ſome ends of it were taken up again, and ſet out with more oſtentation than ever, in that Princes minority: and what rare effects of obedience were by that means produced in Queen* Maries *time, who brought them up again to the teſt, may be eaſily read in our Chronicles. Wherein it is plain, that in the poor five years of her Reign there was* de facto *more open and violent oppoſition and Rebellion, made by her own Subjects, than Queen* Elizabeth *had in forty five years; or any Prince before or ſince the Wicleffian doctrine, till the ſame ſmothered fire broke out at laſt in good King* Charls *his time, to his utter ruine, and the ſhaking of the very foundation of his Monarchy.* Is this ſpoken like *a moſt obſervant Son, and in every honeſt mans eſteem a Pious, Reverend, and Learned Prieſt of the Church of* England, as this Author is termed in the Publiſhers Epiſtle to the Reader? Certainly a Son and a Prieſt of the Church of *England* would never have derived from *Wickleff*, but from the Holy Scripture, the Religion of the Church his Mother; nor aſcribed to her Religion the cauſe of the late horrid Rebellion. We ſee what a Son and Prieſt of the Church he is, the Tree is known by his Fruit. What better Figs can be

be gathered from ſuch a Thorn? What better Grapes from ſuch a Bramble? And what is that doctrine of *Wickliffe* which he imputes to the Proteſtants, to the Engliſh eſpecially? *Impios nullum dominium habere, That the Ungodly can have no right of dominion*: Was that the doctrine *ſet out with oſtentation in* Edward *the* VI. *his days?* Or was any of the Proteſtants found tainted with that doctrine, when Queen *Mary* burnt them, which this man calls *bringing them to the teſt?* Sure it was not upon that ground that ſome oppoſitions were made againſt that Queen. It is a wonder that ſhe met with no more, conſidering how her Father had declared by Act of Parliament her Mothers Marriage unlawful, and her ſelf incapable of the Crown, and had miſerably incumbred the Title and Succeſſion of his Children. Pag. 70.

That there was *more open and violent oppoſition* againſt her in her five years Reign, from her own Subjects, than Queen *Elizabeth* had in forty five years; it is, becauſe they that went about to queſtion her Title, went to work plainly above-board; but no ſecret Jeſuitical conſpiracies to ſtab or poyſon her, as againſt Queen *Elizabeth.*

The means ſhe made to reduce her diſſenting Subjects in Religion, when they made no oppoſition againſt her, was to make bon-fires of them. Three hundred of thoſe burnt-offerings ſhe Sacrificed unto God: A far greater number in *her poor five years* than that of the Popiſh Martyrs of diſobedience, ſince the death of that Queen, now above a hundred years. For no Papiſt was executed for his Religion, all for diſobey-

ing the Laws of the Land, and many of them for High Treaſon.

It is known that Queen *Mary* got the Crown by the aſſiſtance of the Proteſtants of *Suffolk*, and what recompence ſhe gave them for it. And whereas no fewer than eight Rebellions did riſe in *Henry* the VIII. his days, I find not that the Proteſtants had a hand in any of them. All were raiſed by Papiſts; and upon the ſcore of Popery.

The principal colour of our Adverſaries malice is his deteſtation of the late Rebellion of *England*, and the execrable Murther committed on the ſacred Perſon of our gracious Sovereign. Upon this he makes ſeveral Panegyricks, which are very ill ſorted with his Apology for *Mariana*, and juſtifying of the *Jeſuites* doctrine: Eſpecially ſeeing that thoſe actions were copied out upon their principles. *Felicia tempora quæ te Moribus admorunt.* Belike the curious pens of the Wiſe States-men and Learned Scholars of *England*, had need to be ſupplyed by the boyiſh theams of a petty Novice of *Doway*, to learn the duty of Subjects, and to abhor the guiltineſs of Rebellion.

The Venom that lieth under that oratory of Invectives, is that all the miſchief is imputed to the *Proteſtants of Integrity*, a term which he uſeth like a Stirrup-leather, longer or ſhorter, according to his occaſions, yet always treacherouſly to caſt the faults of ſome particular perſon, or ſome heretical Sect upon the generality of the Proteſtants. But let him know, that the King, the Church, and the State, are

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Proteſtants of Integrity : and that the parricides and troublers of our *Iſrael* will never give him thanks for calling them *Proteſtants :* Alſo that we acknowledge them not for ſuch, unleſs it be upon a new ſcore, becauſe they *proteſt* againſt the Kings power and the duty of their obedience.

When Jeſuites or their Scholars, (as this Gentleman is) charge our Fanaticks with High Treaſon, they do but act that which they had prepared to do, if the Powder-Plot had taken. For they had a Declaration ready to indite the Proteſtants of that Treaſon. For theſe men would ſtun the juſt clamor againſt them for their doctrine of Rebellion and parricide, by laying the ſame charge with loud words upon others.

We have great reaſon to call upon the Juſtice of God and Men to condemn the unſincerity of this clamour. With what face or conſcience can the Jeſuites paſs a hard Sentence upon the late Rebels and King-killers, ſeeing that theſe furious Zealots have neither taught nor done any thing in that horrible defection, but what they had learned of the Jeſuites? For what do they blame them for?

Is it for teaching that the Sovereign Power lieth in the Commons, and that they may alter the Government of a State? Did they not learn that of *Bellarmine? The Power* (ſaith he) *is in the whole multitude, as in its ſubject, and if there be a lawful cauſe for it, the multitude may alter the Royal State into an Ariſtocracy, or Democracy, and ſo on the contrary.*

Bellarm. de Laicis. lib. 3. cap. 6. Poteſtas immediate eſt. tanquam in ſubjecto in tota multitudine, & ſi cauſa legitima adſit, poteſt multitudo mutare regnum in Ariſtocratiam, aut Democratiam, & è contrario.

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Is it for ſaying that the people makes the King, and may unmake him, and retain ſtill the habit of power? Did they not learn of the ſame *Bellarmine*, that, *In the Kingdoms of men, the Kings power is from the People, becauſe the People makes the King. And in temporal Common-wealths, if the King degenerate into a Tyrant, though he be the head of the Kingdom, he may be depoſed by the People, and another elected.* And doth he not praiſe *Navarrus* for ſaying, that *the People never ſo transfer their power to the King, but they retain it in the habit; ſo that in ſome caſes they may reſume it.*

Bellarm. de Concil. lib. 2. cap. 19. In regnis hominum poteſtas Regis eſt à populo, quia populus facit Regem.

Ibid. cap. 19. ſect. ad alteram. In Rebuſp. temporalibus ſi Rex degeneret in tyrannum, licet caput ſit Regni, tamen à populo poteſt deponi & eligi alius. Et *Recogn. lib. de Laicis ſect. Aldo experientiam*, laudat Navarrum qui non dubitat affirmare nunquam populum ira poteſtatem ſuam in Regem transferre, quin illam ſibi in habitu retineat; ut in certis quibuſdam caſibus etiam actu recipere poſſit.

Is it for ſaying that the Commonwealth may take defenſive Arms againſt the King, and expel him? The Jeſuite *Suarez* taught them that doctrine. *The Common-wealth* (ſaith he) *conſidered in her meer nature, and as it was among the Gentiles, and as it is now among the Pagans, hath the power to defend her ſelf againſt a Tyrant. If a lawful King govern Tyrannically, and that there be no other remedy for the Kingdom, but to expel and depoſe the King, the whole Common-wealth by the publick and common conſent of the Cities and the Peers, may depoſe the King.*

Suarez. Defenſ. Fid. lib. 6. c. 19. ſect. 17. Reſp. ex ſola rei natura ſpectatam prout fuit apud Gentiles & nunc eſt inter Ethnicos habet poteſtatem ſe defendendi à Tyranno Rege. & *ſect.* 15. Si Rex legitimus tyrannice gubernat & regno nullum aliud ſit remedium niſi Regem expellere & deponere, poterit Reſp. toto publico & communi conſenſu civitatum & procerum Regem deponere.

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Or do the Jeſuites inveigh againſt them for making a formal and aggreſſive War againſt the King? They have no reaſon for it, ſeeing that the Jeſuite *Mariana* hath ſet them down the whole courſe which they have followed. *The readieſt and the ſafeſt way* (ſaith he) *if the people may meet in a publick Aſſembly, is to deliberate by common conſent what is to be done, and then to keep inviolably that which is agreed on by common conſent. The Prince muſt firſt be admoniſh'd and exhorted to mend: But if he refuſe the remedy, and there be no hope of his mending, the ſentence being once pronounced* (againſt him) *it will be lawful for the Common-wealth to refuſe to obey him. And becauſe a War muſt neceſſarily follow, the counſels how to maintain it muſt be ſet down, Arms muſt be quickly provided, and Taxes laid upon the People, to bear the expences of the War. And if it be requiſite, and the Common-wealth cannot otherwiſe maintain it ſelf, it ſhall be lawful, both by the right of defence, and more by the Authority proper* (to the people) *to declare publickly the King to be the common Enemy, and then kill him with the Sword.*

Mariana lib. 6. de Rege, cap. 6. pag. 59. & 60.

Expedita maximè & tuta via eſt, ſi publici conventus facultas detur, communi conſenſu quid ſtatuendum ſit deliberare, fixum ratumque habere quod communi ſententia ſteterit. Monendus in primis Princeps erit atque ad ſanitatem revocandus, *&c.* Qui ſi medicinam reſpuat, neque ſpes ulla ſanitatis relinquatur, ſententia pronuntiata licebit Reip. ejus imperium detrectare primum, & quoniam bellum neceſſario concitabitur, ejus defendendi conſilia explicare, expedire arma, pecunias in belli ſumptus imperare populis: & ſi res feret neque aliter ſe Reſp. tueri poſſit, eodem defenſionis jure, ac vero potiori authoritate & propria Principem publice hoſtem declaratum ferro perimere.

Do the Jeſuites look with horrour upon that Court of Juſtice erected to try the King? Let them remember that they had *Mariana*'s warrant for it. *That the Common-wealth from which the Royal Power hath its origine,*

Mariana ibid. Certe à Rep. unde ortum habet regia poteſtas rebus exigentibus Regem in jus vocari poſſe, & ſi ſanitatem reſpuat, Principatu ſpoliari. Neque ita in Principem jura poteſtatis tranſtulit, ut non ſibi majorem reſervarit poteſtatem.

original, may when the caſe requires it, bring the King to Judgement, deprive him of his Sovereignty: For the Commonwealth hath not ſo transferred the right of power unto the Prince, but it hath reſerved a greater power to it ſelf.

And why doth our Adverſary, an earneſt defender of the Jeſuites, exclaim ſo much againſt the abominable parricide acted upon our Sacred Sovereign, ſeeing that the people which made War againſt him, held him to be a Tyrant, and it is the current opinion of the Jeſuites, that a Tyrant may be killed by any private man. *A true Prince* (ſaith *Leſſius*) *who is a Tyrant by reaſon of his adminiſtration, cannot be killed by a private perſon as long as he remaineth a Prince,--------but he muſt be firſt depoſed and declared Enemy by the Common-wealth, or the Parliament of the Kingdom, or ſome other, having Authority, that it may be lawful to attempt any thing againſt his perſon.* And *Suarez* ſaith to the ſame purpoſe, that *after the Sentence given* (againſt a King) *he is altogether deprived of his Kingdom, ſo that he can no more poſſeſs it with a juſt Title. Wherefore from henceforth he may be uſed like a Tyrant, and killed by any private perſon.*

Leſſius lib. 2. de Juſtitia & Jure cap. 9. dubio 4. ſcribit,

Verum Principem qui tyrannus eſt ratione adminiſtrationis non poſſe à privatis interimi quamdiu manet Princeps, primum à Repub. vel comitiis Regni vel alio habente authoritatem eſſe deponendum, & hoſtem declarandum, ut in ipſius perſonam liceat quicquam attentare.

Suarez contra Regem Mag. Brit. lib. 6. cap. 4. ſect. 14.

Poſt ſententiam latam omnino privatur regno, ita ut non poſſit juſto titulo illud poſſidere; ergo ex tunc poterit tanquam tyrannus tractari, & conſequenter à quocunque privato poterit interfici.

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Neither ought the Jeſuites to find fault with the publick thankſgiving for murthering the King, and making of the thirtieth of *January* a Thankſgiving Day, ſeeing that the Jeſuites of *Paris* ſhewed the way for that to the Rebels in *England*, for in the time of the *French* League, they made Solemn Thankſgivings for the murthering of their King, as Pope *Sixtus* the V. did ſince at *Rome*, with a vehement Oration, in which he applieth a Propheſie of the Incarnation of the Son of God unto that Kings Murther.

So much the late Rebels of *England* have learned of you, Fathers Jeſuites, and no reaſon have you to chide your Scholars for following your Doctrine and Example, how far you are yet before them, I will ſhew before I have done with you. For they do not make the Crown of their Kings obnoxious to be kickt down by the Pope, and have learned no farther of your maxims, than will ſerve them to kill the King, and keep the Crown for themſelves. And by their groſs dealing with their King, beheading him upon a Scaffold, whereby they have ſpun a Halter for their own Necks, they have ſhewed themſelves not skilled in the myſteries of King-killing, ſet forth by your *Mariana*, how to put a King to death with leſs danger to the Actors, than to ſtab him, will have him taken away by poyſon. Yet ſo merciful he is to ſuch a King, that leſt he ſhould be acceſſary to his own death, by taking the poiſon himſelf in his meat or drink,

Mariana lib. 1. *cap.* 7. Hoc temperamento uti in hac quidem diſputatione licebit, ſi non ipſe qui perimitur venenum haurire cogitur quo intimis medullis concepto pereat: ſed exterius ab alio adhibeatur, nihil adjuvante eo qui perimendus eſt. Nimirum cum tanta vis eſt veneni in ſe, a eo, aut veſte delibuta, ut vim interficiendi habeat. Qua arte à Mauris Regibus invenio ſæpe alios Principes miſſis donis, veſte pretioſa, linteis, armis, ephippiis, fuiſſe oppreſſos.

drink, he will have a ſtrong and ſubtile poiſon put in a garment or ſaddle, which may ſpread its mortiferous quality into his body. And for that he propounds the example of *Moor* Kings who have killed their enemies with poiſoned preſents. Theſe Jeſuitical curioſities about a murther are too fine for our *Northern* Fanaticks; but for going ſo far with you as they have done, you have reaſon to cheriſh them.

When the buſineſſes of the late bad times are once ripe for an Hiſtory, and time the bringer of truth hath diſcovered the myſteries of iniquity, and the depths of Satan which have wrought ſo much crime and miſchief, it will be found, that the late Rebellion was raiſed and foſtered by the arts of the Court of *Rome*. That Jeſuites profeſſed themſelves Independent, as not depending on the Church of *England*; and Fifth-Monarchy-men, that they might pull down the *Engliſh* Monarchy, and that in the Committees, for the deſtruction of the King and the Church, they had their Spies and their Agents. The *Roman* Prieſt and Confeſſor is known, who when he ſaw the fatal ſtroke given to our Holy King and Martyr, flouriſhed with his Sword, and ſaid, *Now the greateſt enemy that we have in the world is gone.*

When the news of that horrible execution came to *Roan*, a Proteſtant Gentleman of good credit was preſent in a great company of Jeſuited perſons: where after great expreſſions of joy, the graveſt of the company, to whom all gave ear, ſpake much after this ſort: *The King of* England *at his Marriage had promis'd us the re-eſtabliſhing of the Catholick Religion in* England; *and when he delayed to fulfil his promiſe, we ſum-*

Which is moſt falſe.

ſummoned him from time to time to perform it: We came ſo far as to tell him, that if he would not do it, we ſhould be forced to take thoſe courſes which would bring him to his deſtruction. We have given him lawful warning, and when no warning would ſerve, we have kept our word to him, ſince he would not keep his word to us.

That grave Rabbies ſentence agreeth with this certain intelligence which ſhall be juſtified whenſoever Authority will require it: That the year before the Kings death, a ſelect number of *Engliſh* Jeſuites were ſent from their whole party in *England*; firſt to *Paris*, to conſult with the Faculty of *Sorbon*, then altogether Jeſuited; to whom they put this queſtion in writing: That ſeeing the State of *England* was in a likely poſture to change Government, whether it was lawful for the Catholicks to work that change, for the advancing and ſecuring of the Catholick Cauſe in *England*, by making away the King, whom there was no hope to turn from his Hereſie? Which was anſwered affirmatively. After which the ſame perſons went to *Rome*, where the ſame queſtion being propounded and debated, it was concluded by the Pope and his Council, that it was both lawful and expedient for the Catholicks to promote that alteration of State. What followed that Conſultation and Sentence, all the World knoweth, and how the Jeſuites went to work, God knoweth; and Time the bringer forth of truth, will let us know. But when the horrible parricide committed in the Kings Sacred Perſon, was ſo univerſally cried down as the greateſt villany that had been

committed in many ages, the Pope commanded all the papers about that queſtion to be gathered and burnt: In obedience to which order, a *Roman* Catholick in *Paris* was demanded a Copy which he had of thoſe papers; but the Gentleman who had had time to conſider and deteſt the wickedneſs of that project, refuſed to give it, and ſhewed it to a Proteſtant friend of his; and related to him the whole carriage of this negotiation, with great abhorrency of the practices of the Jeſuites.

At the firſt appearing of that charge it ſtrook ſuch a terror among the Gentlemen of *Sommerſet*-Houſe (where a man of great note was much concerned in it) that they caſt themſelves at the Kings feet to crave Juſtice againſt me, yet upon another pretence, which was the mention I had made, (after Mr. *Prynne* and Mr. *Foulis*) of the Prieſt flouriſhing with his Sword when the Kings head was cut off, and ſaying, *Now our greateſt enemy is cut off.* But upon ſoberer thoughts, after three or four days the great clamour was ſuddenly huſht. Only they won the Queen Mother to beſeech the King that I might be forbidden to make any more Books. So much then was expreſt unto me in a Letter of the Secretary of State, yet in a Gracious Counſelling way from my Great and Good Maſter, who honored me with his good will, and would not diſcredit me, much leſs my Cauſe, as repreſenting to me that it was my wiſer courſe to forbear writing Books in *Engliſh*, becauſe it was not my Natural Language.

This prohibition was taken away upon my petition when I put the ſame Book to be Printed again in the Year 1668.

Who

Who ſeeth not the violent diſtraction of thoſe guilty perſons between anger and fear, and how when they were the moſt fervent to fall upon me, they were cowed by their guiltineſs!

I ſuppoſe ſo much of their prudence, that after they had put a ſtop to my Pen, they had taken order among themſelves, that none ſhould provoke me by writing againſt me to write again: For I heard nothing of them for five or ſix years, till a young Nobleman the Earl of *Caſtlemain*, who had not taken Counſel of the grave heads, took the Field againſt me, as a Perdue of the *Roman* Army. Mr. *Creſſy* ſeeing the Ice broken, thought himſelf bound to go after him, and after Mr. *Creſſy* a Prieſt Preaching out of a Coffee-houſe.

To theſe my Lord of *Caſtlemain* added in his Third Edition, that I was defied by the Papiſts, and ſolicited by the Proteſtants to make my words good; and he ſaid true.

As for my being defied by the Papiſts, I have defied them now ſeventeen years to call me in queſtion before our Judges, and ſo I do ſtill.

If they ſay that by the Laws of the Land which ſuppreſs Popiſh Prieſts and Jeſuites, they dare not appear, they have not wanted ſince great and noble friends, who might take their intereſt to themſelves, and call me to account before Authority for wronging their Spiritual Fathers. Had the like charge been laid in *France* upon Proteſtant Miniſters, as friendleſs as they are in that Court, they would not have lien one day under it, without making their way to a publick redreſs.

But

But theſe men, inſtead of calling their accuſer to bring forth his proofs, labour to ſilence him; and chooſe to lie, now ſeventeen years, ſilent under that guilt; inſtead of taking the open legal way for their juſtification. Certainly in the judgment of all perſons that have but common ſenſe, they own their guilt by their ſilence.

As for the ſolicitations of Proteſtants, I acknowledg that divers perſons of great concernment, ſome of them of great Place, have expreſt to me a great deſire that I ſhould diſcover the whole Plot.

To quell their expectation I do ingenuouſly profeſs that I have ſet down the whole matter as far as I know, nothing wanting to it but the witneſſes.

I have alſo an humble requeſt to thoſe perſons of great Merit, among whom I ſet in the firſt rank that Eminent Divine, the Right Reverend Dr. *Barlow*, Lord Biſhop of *Lincoln*, who in his late excellent Book is pleaſed to grace me with expreſſions of eſteem far above my deſerts, which I take as a leſſon from my Superiors, for me to labour to be what they charge me to be.

My requeſt is that they be pleaſed to conſider the firſt line of my Charge againſt our Adverſaries.

This certain intelligence ſhall be juſtified whenſoever Authority ſhall require it.

So that I cannot in Duty and Conſcience bring forth the moſt pertinent and eſſential Teſtimonies before I be *bidden by Authority*. Should I do otherwiſe, divulging my proofs, the fault would be as great in point of prudence as in point of duty, for I ſhould thereby make many of my Adver[illegible]ries to be my Judges, who might detort

detort the Teſtimonies. A matter of that high nature muſt not be ſquabled out between private intereſſed perſons, but pondered by thoſe grave men in Power that have the deciſive voice. I will then ſtand to this reſolution to anſwer no Summons, but ſuch as are backt by Publick Authority.

To give ſome ſatisfaction to thoſe Loyal hearts, in whom ſo much as I have ſaid hath bred a deſire to know more, I will ſet down here a Copy of a Letter from the Secretary of State who waited then at the Court when the Papiſts Officers and Clergy of the Queen Mother were in their greateſt conſternation, at the firſt coming forth of my Charge againſt their Party, I may ſay alſo againſt themſelves, for the chief of them was deep in the guilt. The Secretary of State was that Eminent Gentleman in Piety, Learning and Wiſdom, Sir *William Morrice*, now with God. It was by him that His Majeſties pleaſure was ſignified to me in a Letter that I ſhould forbear writing *Engliſh* Books. That Letter being miſlaied, I writ to him ſome years after he was retired from the Court to his Houſe, and beſought him to ſend me a confirmation of that paſſage, and withal ſome Idea of the behaviour of thoſe Papiſts at that time. And he was pleaſed to honor me with this anſwer.

For

For my Honored Friend Dr. *Peter Du Moulin.*

Wherington, Aug. the 9. 1673.

SIR,

I Have received yours of the 17. *of the last Month. I have so much honour for your self and your extraction, that I should be very ready and glad to serve you in any thing wherein occasion shall prompt, and my powers capacitate me. Though I cannot give attestation to all the circumstances which you mention (the common vogue at that time being not a Fond sufficient to build upon) yet to the substance of that you desire me to bear witness to, I shall say, that the King my Master gave me his Command, soon upon the coming forth of your Answer to* Philanax Anglicus, *to signifie His pleasure that you should write no more in* English, *as which being not vernacular to you, he said you were not perfect Master. He was not pleased to give me any further reason of His Commands; and it was not decent for me to inquire, but rather to obey. And it doth as little become me to speak my conjectures or to make any collections or inferences out of what fell from him beyond what was given me in charge. You know in what Trust and Capacity I served His Majesty; and what it was my duty to say, and whereof to be silent. But this I may say safely, and will do it confidently, that many arguments did create a violent suspicion, very near convincing evidences, that the irreligion of the Papists was chiefly guilty of the Murther of that Excellent Prince, the* Odium *whereof they would now*

now file to the account of the Proteſtant Religion. I applaud Your pious Zeal, and good deſigns, and vote happy ſucceſs to Your undertakings with reward proportionable; which You may never fail of, firſt or laſt, in the way or in the terme. And I ſhall juſtly pay You all the Honour poſſible for

Your very humble Servant,

WILL. MORRICE.

Mr. *Prynnes* intelligence confirmed mine. He ſaith that our late excellent King having aſſented in the Treaty of the Iſle of *Wight* to paſs five ſtrict Bills againſt Popery, the Jeſuites in *France*, at a General Meeting there, preſently reſolved to bring him to Juſtice and take off his Head, by the power of their Friends in the Army; as the King himſelf was certified by an expreſs from thence, and wiſhed to provide againſt it, but two days before his removal by the Army from the Iſle of *Wight* to his Execution. True and perfect Narrative, *p.* 46.

It were worth enquiring upon what ground the Author of *The fair Warning* affirmeth, that Father *Sibthorp* in a Letter to Father *Metcalfe*, acknowledgeth the Jeſuits to have contrived the Murther of the King. And that *Sarabras* was preſent and triumphing at the Murther of His Sacred Majeſty. *Pag.* 35, 36, 37. in the 2d. part of 120. Prophecies concerning the return of *Popery*.

In purſuance of this Order from *Rome*, for the pulling down both the Monarch and the Monarchy of *England*, many Jeſuites came over, who took ſeveral ſhapes, to go about their work, but moſt of them took party in the Army. About thirty of them, or their Diſciples, were

met by a Protestant Gentleman, between *Roan* and *Diepe*, to whom they said (taking him for one of their party) that they were going into *England*, and would take Armes in the Independant Army, and endeavour to be Agitators.

A Protestant Lady living in *Paris* in the time of our late calamities, was perswaded by a Jesuit going in Scarlet, to turn Roman Catholick: When the dismal news of the Kings Murther came to *Paris*, this Lady, as all other good English Subjects, was most deeply afflicted with it. And when this Scarlet Divine came to see her, and found her melting in tears, about that heavy and common disaster; he told her with a smiling countenance, that she had no reason to lament, but rather to rejoyce, seeing that the Catholicks were rid of their greatest enemy, and that the Catholick Cause was much furthered by his death. Upon which the Lady in great anger put the man down the stairs: saying, If that be your Religion, I have done with it for ever. And God hath given her the grace to make her word good hitherto.

Many intelligent Travellers can tell of the great joy among the English Convents and Seminaries, about the Kings death, as having overcome their enemy, and done their main work for their settlement in *England*; of which they made themselves so sure, that the *Benedictins* were in great care that the Jesuites should not get their land: and the English Nuns were contending who should be Abbesses in *England*.

An understanding Gentleman visiting the Friars of *Dunkirke*, put them upon the discourse of the Kings death,

death, and to pump out their ſenſe about it, ſaid that the Jeſuites had laboured very much, to compaſs that great work: To which they anſwered, that the Jeſuites would engroſs to themſelves the glory of all great and good works, and of this among other works; whereas they had laboured as diligently and effectually for it as they. So there was ſtriving for the glory of that atchievment, and the Friars ſhewed themſelves as much Jeſuited as the Jeſuites.

The ſame Gentleman who in his travels hath converſed with many Friars, hath found in ſeveral places the Friars jealous of the Glory which the Jeſuites aſcribed to their only Order, to have promoted the King of *Englands* death; whereas other Orders had been as active as they in that great atchievment.

In the height of *Olivers* Tyranny, *Thomas White* Gentleman, a Prieſt, and a right Jeſuite in all his principles about obedience, ſet out a Book entituled, the *Grounds of Obedience and Government*: Wherein he maintains that, *If the people by any circumſtance be devolved to the State of Anarchy, their promiſe made* (to their expelled Governour) *binds no more.* pag. 122. *That the people are remitted by the evil managing and inſufficiency of their Governour, to the force of Nature to provide for themſelves, and not bound by any promiſe made to their Governour.* pag. 123, & 124. *That the Magiſtrate by his miſcarriages abdicateth himſelf from being a Magiſtrate, and proveth a Brigand or Robber inſtead of a Defender.* That word *Defender* he writes with a great D. that the Reader may take notice whom he means.

pag. 133. *If the Magistrate* (saith he) *have truly deserved to be dispossessed, or if he be rationally doubted, that he hath deserved it, and be actually out of possession; In the former case, it is certain the subject hath no Obligation to hazard for his restitution, but rather to hinder it: For since it is the common good that both the Magistrate and the Subject are to aim at, and clearly out of what is expreſt, it is the common harm to admit again of such a Magistrate, every one to his power is bound to resist him.* pag. 135. *The next case is, if he be innocent, and wrongfully deposed, nay let us add, One who had governed well, and deserved much of the Commonwealth, yet is he totally dispossessed: And so that it is plain in these circumstances, It were better for the Common good to stay as they are, than to venture the restoring him, because of the publick hazard.*

And not to set down all his words, and follow his style, which is affectedly intricate and obscure, he maintaineth that a dispossessed Prince, whether by right or pag. 136. wrong, *is obliged absolutely to renounce all Right and Claim to Government; and if he does not, he is worse than an Infidel.*

pag. 151. He tells us, That Pope *Urban the VIII. published a Decision, That after five years quiet possession of an Estate, the Church was not bound to take notice whether the Title were lawful or no, but acknowledge the Possessor in Ecclesiastical business.*

pag. 154. That when the *peoples good stands on the Possessors side, then clearly he begins to gain right and power.* That when the *people think themselves well, they manifestly consent to the present Government. Besides* (saith he) *who can assure they shall be better by the return of the dispossessed party?*

party? Surely by common preſumption the gainer is like to defend them better than he who loſt it. He comes ſo far as to conclude, That if the old Magiſtrate offer to return, he muſt be repulſed by force of Arms. His reaſoning is this: *What if an open enemy ſhould come; could* pag. 157. *or ought the ſubjects joyn againſt him with their new Magiſtrate? If not, the whole Publick muſt periſh: If they may, then their caſe is the ſame againſt their old Magiſtrate, ſince his right ſtood upon the common Peace; and that transferred from him to his Rival by the Title of quiet poſſeſſion.*

This was the Philoſophy of that contemplative Gentleman, when the King lived in exile, and *Oliver* ſate on the Throne. Having ſo well deſerved of the King, he was not long ſince highly recommended to His Majeſty, by a man of great Note. But the King who hath a Royal Inſight into perſons and buſineſſes, ſtopt him with this ſhort anſwer, *No more of that, I know what man he is.*

Father *Bret* was of M. *Whites* opinion, for the Caſtle of *Jerſey* being ſurrendred after that reſiſtance, which for the length of ſtanding out, and the height of Valour ſhall be memorable in all ages: When the Gentlemen who had defended it were preſt to take the Engagement, contrary to the Articles of their Rendition: That goodly Divine was very earneſt with them at S. *Malo* to take it; maintaining, That they were not to acknowledge any Supreme but the prevailing power.

When his Majeſty caſt himſelf upon the Spaniard, the Jeſuitical party thought they had him ſure enough from ever returning: but God diſappointed their hopes, and deceived our fears by his miraculous mercy: For it was the

the Lords doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes, that he ſcaped out of thoſe hands.

I cannot leave un-obſerved, That in the height of the late Tyrannie, two heads of the Gun-powder Traytors that were ſet up upon the Houſe of Lords, were taken down; not by the high winds, but by the ſame zeal which had plotted that Treaſon, and with the leave of Traytors of another feather. We may hear in time that thoſe holy Reliques are ſhrined up in gold, and are working miracles.

CHAP. III.

The Doctrine of the Proteſtant Churches about the Obedience of Subjects to the Higher Powers, as it is ſet down in the Publick Confeſſions of the ſeveral National Churches.

TO eaſe the ſearch of thoſe that would know what the Proteſtant Churches hold in the point of obedience to the Magiſtrate: And that ſome pickt periods out of private Authors unfaithfully alledged by their Adverſaries be not taken for the Doctrine of their party, I have ſet down here their publick Confeſſions in that point. For whether ſome of thoſe allegations be true or falſe, their word muſt not be taken for the opinion of their Church, before that of the General Confeſſion.

The

The Auguſtan Confeſſion.

Article XVI. *ſub finem.*

CHriſtiani neceſſario debent obedire præſentibus Magiſtratibus ac legibus, niſi quum jubent peccare. Tunc enim magis debent obedire Deo quam hominibus. Act. 4.

CHriſtians muſt neceſſarily obey the preſent Magiſtrates and Laws, but when they command to ſin. For then they muſt obey God rather than men. *Act.* 4.

The French Confeſſion.

Article XXXIX.

DEus gladium in Magiſtratuum manus tradidit reprimendis nimirum delictis, non modo contra ſecundam Tabulam ſed etiam contra primam commiſſis. Oportet igitur propter illum hujus ordinis authorem non tantum pati ut ii dominentur, quos ille nobis præfecit, ſed etiam omni

GOD hath put the ſword in the Magiſtrates hands to repreſs offences, not only againſt the Second Table, but alſo againſt the Firſt. We ought therefore for his ſake, who is the Author of this order, not only to ſuffer thoſe to govern whom God hath ſet over us,

omni honore & reverentia eos prosequi, tanquam ejus Legatos & Ministros ad legitimum & sanctum munus obeundum ab ipso designatos.

us, but also yield to them honour and all respect, as to his Lieutenants and Ministers, appointed by him to bear a lawful and holy Office.

Article XL.

Affirmamus ergo parendum esse legibus & statutis, solvenda tributa & reliqua onera perferenda; subjectionis denique jugum voluntarie tolerandum, etiamsi infidelis fuerit Magistratus, dummodo Dei summum imperium integrum & illibatum maneat.

WE maintain then that we ought to obey laws and statutes, pay tributes, and bear other burdens of subjection, and undergo the yoke with a good will, although the Magistrates should be Infidels, so that Gods Sovereign Authority remain entire & inviolate.

The Belgick Confession.

Uncti homines cujuscunque sint vel dignitatis, vel conditionis, vel status, legitimis Magistratibus subjici debent, illisque vectigalia ac tributa pendere, & eis in omnibus

ALl men of what dignity, quality or state soever they be, must subject themselves unto the lawful Magistrates, pay unto them impost and tributes, and please

omnibus obſequi ac obedire quæ verbo Dei non repugnant: preces etiam pro eis fundere, ut eos Deus in omnibus ipſorum actionibus dirigere dignetur, nos vero vitam tranquillam & quietam ſub ipſis cum omni pietate & honeſtate ducere poſſimus.

pleaſe and obey them in all things that are not repugnant unto the Word of God: Alſo pray for them, that God be pleaſed to direct them in all their actions, and that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life under them, in all piety and honeſty.

The Helvetick Confeſſion.

SIcut Deus ſalutem populi ſui operari vult per Magiſtratum quem mundo veluti patrem dedit, ita ſubditi omnes hoc Dei beneficium in Magiſtratu agnoſcere jubentur. Honorent ergo & revereantur Magiſtratum tanquam Dei Miniſtrum. Ament eum, faveant ei, & orent pro illo tanquam pro patre. Obediant item omnibus ejus juſtis & æquis mandatis. Denique pendant vectigalia atque tributa, & quæ alia hujus generis debita ſunt, fide-

AS God will work the ſafety of his People by the Magiſtrate, whom he hath given to the World as a Father, ſo all ſubjects are commanded to acknowledge that benefit in the Magiſtrate. Let them honour and reverence the Magiſtrate as the Miniſter of God. Let them love and aſſiſt him, and pray for him as their Father. Let them obey him in all his juſt and equitable commands. And let them pay all impoſts and

fideliter atque libenter. Et si salus publica patriæ & justitia requirat, & Magistratus ex necessitate bellum suscipiat, deponant etiam vitam & fundant sanguinem pro salute publica Magistratusque, & quidem in Dei nomine, libenter, fortiter & alacriter. Qui enim Magistratui se opponit, iram gravem Dei in se provocat.

tributes, and all other dues of that kind, faithfully and willingly. And if the publick safety of the Countrey and Justice require it, and that the Magistrate undertake a War by necessity; let them also lay down their lives, and spill their blood for the good of the publick and of the Magistrate, and that in the Name of God; willingly, valiantly, and chearfully. For he that opposeth himself to the Magistrate, provoketh the heavy wrath of God upon himself.

The Bohemian Confession.

VNiversi & singuli in omnibus quæ Deo tantum non sunt contraria, eminenti potestati subjectionem præstent; primum Regiæ Majestati, postea omnibus Magistratibus & qui eum potestate sunt, in quibuscunque muneribus sint collocati, sive

LEt all and every one yield subjection in all things that are no ways contrary to God, unto the higher power; first to the Kings Majesty, and next to all Magistrates and those that are in Authority, in what Offices soever they be placed, whether

ſive ipſi per ſe boni viri ſint ſive mali; itemque omnibus Adminiſtris & Legatis horum, & ut eos revereantur, colant, & quæcunque eis jure debentur ea omnia ut præſtent, etiam honorem eis, tributum, vectigal, ſimilia alia ad quæ pendenda obligantur ut præſtent & pendant.

ther the men be good or bad; as alſo to all their Officers & Deputies. And let them defer unto them all honour, and perform all things which are due unto them by right; let them pay unto them alſo the homage, Impoſts, tribute, and the like, which they are obliged to pay and perform.

The Saxonick Confeſſion.

Magiſtratui Politico ſubditi debent obedientiam ſicut Paulus (docet) *Rom.* 13. *Non ſolum propter iram, id eſt metu pœnæ corporalis, qua afficiuntur contumaces ab ipſis Magiſtratibus, ſed etiam propter conſcientiam, id eſt contumacia eſt peccatum offendens Deum & avellens conſcientiam à Deo.*

Subjects owe obedience to the Politick Magiſtrate, as S. *Paul* teacheth, *Rom.* 13. not only for wrath, that is for fear of the corporal puniſhment which the Magiſtrates inflict upon the diſobedient, but alſo for conſcience ſake; that is, diſobedience is a ſin offending God, and ſeparating the conſcience from God.

The Suevick Confession.

NOstri Ecclesiastæ obedientiæ quæ exhibetur Magistratibus inter primi ordinis bona opera locum dederunt, docentes hoc unumquemque studiosius sese accommodare publicis legibus quo sincerior fuerit Christianus, fideque ditior. Juxta docent fungi Magistratu, munus esse sacratissimum quod quidem homini contingere possit. Unde & factum sit quod qui gerunt publicam potestatem, Dii in Scripturis vocentur.

OUr Divines have placed the obedience which is done to the Magistrates, among the good works of the first rank, teaching that the more a Christian is sincere and rich in faith, the more careful ought he to be to subject himself unto the publick Laws. They likewise teach that to be a Magistrate, is the most Sacred Office that a man may have. Whence also it cometh, that they that bear a publick Authority, are called Gods in the Scriptures.

After all these, the English Confession shall speak last, to give the Sentence; as the Apostle St. *James* spake the last in the Synod of the Apostles at *Jerusalem*, because he was the Bishop.

Article

Article XXXVII.

Of the Civil Magiſtrate.

THE Kings Majeſty hath the chief power in this Realm of England, *and other his Dominions, unto whom the chief Government of all Eſtates of this Realm, whether they be Eccleſiaſtical or Civil, in all Cauſes, doth appertain: And it is not, nor ought to be ſubject to any foreign Juriſdiction.*

Where we attribute to the Kings Majeſty the chief Government, by which Titles we underſtand the minds of ſome ſlanderous perſons are offended, we give not to our Princes the Miniſtring either of Gods Word, or of the Sacraments, the which thing the Injunctions alſo ſet forth by Elizabeth *Our Queen, do moſt plainly teſtifie; but that only Prerogative which we ſee to have been given always to all Godly Princes in holy Scripture, by God himſelf, that is, that they ſhould rule all Eſtates and Degrees committed to their Charge by God, whether they be Eccleſiaſtical or Temporal, and reſtrain with the Civil Sword the ſtubborn and evil doers.*

The Biſhop of Rome *hath no Juriſdiction in this Realm of* England.

The Laws of the Realm may puniſh Chriſtian men with death, for heinous and grievous crimes.

It

It is lawful for Christian men, at the Commandment of the Magistrate, to wear weapons, and serve in the Wars.

The XXXV. Article appoints Homilies against Rebellion to be read in Churches. The summary of these Homilies, and the whole drift of them, is contained in these words, *In reading of the holy Scriptures we shall find in very many and almost infinite places, as well of the Old Testament as of the New; That Kings and Princes, as well the evil as the good, do reign by Gods Ordinance, and that subjects are bound to obey them.* And that Doctrine of the Church of *England*, which is that of the Word of God, is fully demonstrated in these godly Homilies, published and enjoyned to be read in Churches by Royal Authority.

First part page 2. of the first Homily against wilful disobedience and rebellion.

CHAP. IV.

Proving by the Bulls and Decrees of Popes, That the Doctrine of the Roman Court in the point of Obedience to Sovereigns, is a Doctrine of Rebellion.

HItherto we have stood upon the Defensive, and have with no great labour wiped off the false and foul aspersions of Rebellion cast upon the Doctrin of the Protestant Churches: Let us try whether we can use the Sword as well as the Buckler. And we will use no other than the Popes own Sword; For as *David*

vid ſaid of *Goliah*'s ſword, *There is none like that, give it me*: In this Combate the enemies ſword is the right weapon, none like it. The Adverſary to diſgrace our Doctrine, hath objected to us ſome paſſages of our Authors, moſt of them falſe or wreſted, and ſome actions of perſons of the Proteſtant party. But though he had proved all theſe to be true, he had done no harm to our Doctrine, which is not built upon private opinions, or upon private or publick actions. He ſhould have taken our Confeſſions in hand, and Indicted them of rebellious Tenets, if he could have found any: Or finding none, he ſhould have given glory to God, and confeſſed the Truth of God with us.

But if I bring him the Bulls of his Popes, and their Decrees, can he ſcape as we do, when he urgeth us with maxims of *Buchanan* or *Goodman*? Can he ſay, *The Pope ſpeaks Treaſon, and preſcribes Rebellion*, as we ſay of theſe men; and *my faith is not tyed to his Authority*? Can he as freely go off from the Popes judgment, as we do from the beſt of our party, when their Tenet is repreſented to us aberring from the Rule of Gods Word, and diſſenting from the Articles of Religion, conſented unto by the Provincial Convocations of the Church? We will then object to him and his party that which they cannot diſown, unleſs they diſown their Faith and Religion, ſince their Faith and Religion depend upon the Popes Decrees; and that ſo ſtrongly, and with ſuch a ſpirit of deluſion, that the moſt peſtilent opinions paſs with them for Evangelical Truths, and the moſt abominable actions for patterns of Holineſs, if they be once marked with that ſtamp; according to *Bellarmines*,

mines ſentence, which no Romaniſt hath yet diſallowed for any thing I know. *If the Pope did erre in commanding vices, or prohibiting vertues, the Church ſhould be obliged to believe that vices are good, and vertues evil, unleſs ſhe would ſpeak againſt Conſcience.* And to the ſame purpoſe he affirmeth, *That in good ſenſe Chriſt hath given to Saint Peter the power to make ſin to be no ſin, and that which is no ſin, to be ſin.* And he takes it for granted, That the power which Chriſt hath given to St. *Peter*, he hath *ipſo facto* given it to the Pope his Succeſſor. If then we prove that ſedition, rebellion, and murther of Kings, is juſtified, promoted, yea and commanded by that *Head of their Faith*, the Papiſts muſt either approve it as good and holy, or ceaſe to be Papiſts, and learn to have the Faith of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt the Lord of glory, without reſpect of perſons.

Bellarm. lib. 4. de Pontifice, c. 5. Si Papa erraret in præcipiendo vitia, vel prohibendo virtutes, teneretur Eccleſia credere vitia eſſe bona & virtutes malas, niſi vellet contra conſcientiam loqui.

Idem cap. 13. in Barklaium. In bono ſenſu dedit Chriſtus Petro poteſtatem faciendi de peccato non peccatum, & de non peccato peccatum.

Since the Roman Church ſtands much upon her Antiquity, we will begin by the ancienteſt example of approving the murther of Kings that can be charged upon the Roman See. It is that of *Gregory* the I. who hearing that *Phocas* had ſlain the Emperor *Mauritius* his Liege Lord, having firſt killed his children before his face, and that he had invaded the Empire, writ a gratulatory Epiſtle to that monſter, where theſe words are found. *We are glad that the benignity of your Piety hath attained to the Imperial Dignity: Let the heavens rejoyce, and let the Earth be glad, and let the people of the*

An. Chr. 611.

Greg. 1. lib. 11. Epiſt 36. Benignitatem pietatis veſtræ ad Imperiale faſtigium perveniſſe gaudemus: Lætentur Cœli, & exultet Terra, & de

the whole Common-wealth be joyful for your gracious deeds.

benignis actibus veſtris univerſæ Reip. populus hilareſcat.

The next example ſhall be that of *Gregory* the II. who rebelled againſt his Sovereign, the Emperor *Leo Iſaurus*, and made *Rome* and the Roman Dutchy do the ſame: And while the Emperor was ſore afflicted with the Wars of the Saracens in the Eaſt, he made himſelf Lord of that part of his Maſters Dominions in *Italy*; for which *Sigonius* giveth an admirable reaſon. *That* Rome *and the Roman Dutchy were loſt by the Grecians, and got by the Pope of* Rome, *by reaſon of their wicked hereſie.* A ſtrange kind of penance from a Paſtor, to turn the ſinner out of his houſe, and poſſeſs himſelf of it. That wicked hereſie of *Leo Iſaurus* was, That he prohibited the adoration of Images, and pulled them down every where: For that Hereſie and Impiety, the holy Father *Gregory* the II. impoſed this penance upon the Emperor; He made him loſe his Eſtate, and himſelf ſeized upon it. This is the beginning of the Popes Temporal Principality. This is the Title whereby he holds *Rome* and the Territory of it to this day; even plain Rebellion, and Tyrannical Invaſion of his Sovereigns Eſtate and Dominion.

An Chr. 726.

Sigonius Hiſt. de Regno Italiæ, lib. 3.

Ita Roma Romanuſque Ducatus à Græcis ad Romanum Pontificem propter nefandam eorum hæreſim impietatemq; pervenit.

The next Succeſſor of *Gregory* the II. was *Gregory* the III. of whom *Platina* writeth thus. *This Pope as ſoon as he attained to the Papal Degree, by the conſent of the Roman Clergy, deprived* Leo *the* III. *Emperor of* Conſtantinople, *both of his Empire, and of the Communion of the faithful, be-*

Platina in Greg. III.

Hic ſtatim ubi Pontificatum iniit Cleri Romani conſenſu *Leonem* tertium Imperatorem *Conſtantinopolitanum* Imperio ſimul & communione Fidelium privat, quod ſanctas Ima-

cauſe

gines è ſacris ædibus abraſiſſet. *cauſe he had ſwept away the holy Images out of the Churches.* Obſerve that *Platina* that writ about the year 1472. at *Rome*, ſpeaks according to the great intereſt of that time and place, which was, That an Emperor excommunicated, was *ipſo facto* deprived of his Empire: Whereas the Popes that lived 700. years before, either had not that ambition, or wanted the courage to depoſe Emperors. But the Popes that reigned two or three hundred years ago, made that power of depoſing Princes, as ancient as they could by their Hiſtorians.

The ſame muſt be ſaid of the pretended depoſition of *Chilperick* King of *France* by Pope *Zachary*, the next Succeſſor of *Gregory* the III. Cardinal *Perron* ſets forth that example to fright Kings, in his Oration before the three States of *France*, and ſaith that the Pope abſolved the people of *France* from their Allegiance to that King, for which he alledgeth the teſtimony of two new Authors, *Paulus Æmilius* and *Du Tillet*. But *Ado* Biſhop of *Vienna* in his Chronicle ſaith, *That the French by the counſel of Embaſſadors, and of Pope* Zachary, *eſtabliſhed* Pepin *their King*. And *Trithemius* in his *Abridgment of Annals* ſpeaks thus: Chilperick *King of the French, is put out from the Kingdom, as incapable to reign, by the common conſent of the great perſons of the Kingdom, Pope* Zachary *giving them counſel.*

But although the Champions of the Court of *Rome* aſcribe to theſe ancient Popes that power which they never exerciſed or pretended to; That aſſertion of theirs is very favourable to my purpoſe, which is to ſhew that the Roman Court is, and delights to be the Trou-

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bler of Chriſtendom by that uſurpation of depoſing Kings, and abſolving Subjects from their Allegiance: For the more they ſtrive for it, and labour to root it in Antiquity, the more they ſhew the ſtirring of Rebellions to be eſſential and original unto their wicked Throne.

After *Zachary* followed *Stephen* the II. who ſet on *Pepin* to expel the Exarchs out of *Italy*, and obtained of him the Exarchat for himſelf, though belonging to the Emperor of *Conſtantinople* his true Sovereign: So there was both Rebellion and Robbery in that proceeding. Wherein he followed the ſteps of *Gregory* the II. who thirty years before had robbed the Emperor his Maſter of the City of *Rome*, and the Roman Dutchy. *Platina.*

Yet in theſe Dominions the Emperors of the Weſt, (which then begun again) kept the Imperial Power. * *Platina* affirmeth, That *when* Lothary *came into* Italy, *he choſe Magiſtrates to judge the people of* Rome: For in the partage between the ſons of *Lewis* the Meek, *Italy* and *Rome* fell to the ſhare of *Lothary* the eldeſt. But above all, the teſtimony of *Sigonius* is expreſs, who ſpeaking of the poſture of *Italy* in the year 973. ſaith, That *the Pope kept* Rome, Ravenna, *and the reſt of his Territories, rather by Authority than Sovereignty; becauſe the Cities look'd upon the Pope as a Prince of the Commonwealth, but upon the King as their Sovereign Lord, and to him they paid Tribute and yielded Obedience.* It appeareth

* *Platina in vita Eugenii II. Lotharius* in *Italiam* veniens Magiſtratum delegit qui populo Romano jus diceret.

Sigonius de Regno Italiæ, lib. 7. ann. 973. Pontifex Romam, Ravennam, & ditiones reliquas tenebat authoritate magis quam imperio: quod Civitates Pontificem ut Reip. Principem, Regem vero ut ſummum Dominum intuerentur, atque ei tributa obſequiaque præberent.

eth by the Hiſtories of *Volaterranus*, *Blondus* and *Sabellicus*, that it is but about two hundred years ſince the Pope is abſolute Maſter in *Rome*. And for the Spiritual power, *Sigonius* affirmeth, That Pope *Hadrian* the I. yielded to the Emperor *Charlemagne*, the power of ordering the Church, and electing the Pope, which was ſo approved by Pope *Leo* the VIII. eightſcore years after, that * he ſaid that it was not without cauſe that *Hadrian* the firſt had done ſo.

It was about the year 800.

* *Sigonius de reg. Ital. ad an. 963.*

Non ſine cauſa *Adrianum* I. *Carolo* magno tribuiſſe ut Eccleſiam ordinaret, & Pontificem eligeret.
Platina in Paſchalis I.

Paſchalis nulla interpoſita Imperatoris authoritate Pontifex creatur: Hanc ob rem ubi Pontificatum iniit ſtatim Legatos ad *Ludovicum* miſit, qui ejus rei culpam omnem in Clerum & populum rejicerent, quod ab his vi coactus eſſet pontificium munus obire. Accepta hac ſatisfactione *Ludovicus* reſpondit populo & clero, majorum inſtituta & pacta ſervanda eſſe, caverent ne deinceps Majeſtatem læderent.

Yet Pope *Paſchalis* the I. *got into the Roman See without the Emperors Authority and conſent,* (as his Predeceſſor *Stephen* the IV. had done before him) *and then ſent to* Lewis *the Meek to purge himſelf, and caſt the fault upon the importunity of the Clergy and the people. The Emperor accepted the excuſe, but ſaid withal, That the Clergy and the people ſhould no more offend the Emperors Majeſty in that ſort.* Let it be then remembred, that the Popes power is an uſurpation, firſt upon the Emperors of the Eaſt, and ſince upon thoſe of the Weſt; that it be not found ſtrange that his power having begun by rebellion and Uſurpation, is maintained in the following ages by anſwerable means, and liveth by the ſame elements of which it was compoſed. This alſo will give an evidence to the judicious Reader of the true cauſe why the Popes had ſuch a long and pertinacious quarrel with the Emperors, and thundred continually upon

upon them with Excommunications, created to them enemies, and tore the Empire with Factions; even that they might ſtrip the Emperor of all his right in *Italy*, make themſelves independent both for the Spiritual and the Temporal, and raiſe their greatneſs upon the fall of the Empire. So the many examples which I ſhall bring of excommunicating and depoſing of Emperors, and abſolving their ſubjects from their Allegiance, ſhall lay a double guilt of rebellion upon the Popes, both as commanding rebellion abroad, and practiſing rebellion at home againſt their lawful Sovereigns.

The firſt Pope that offered to excommunicate the King of *France*, was *Gregory* the IV. who joyned with the Sons of *Lewis* the meek, who had conſpired againſt their Father. But the French Biſhops threatned to excommunicate him, ſo he deſiſted. *Sigebert. An.* 832.

The firſt Pope that attempted to draw his ſpiritual Sword againſt the Emperor, was that honeſt man *Gregory* the VII. called before *Hildebrand*, who excommunicated the Emperor *Henry* the IV. but depoſed him before. The Empire he tranſlated to *Rudolph* Duke of *Suevia*. But you muſt underſtand that though he gave him the Empire, he did not deliver it. For *Rudolph* was ſlain in battel by the Emperor. *Rome* was taken by the Emperor, and *Gregory* died for grief. The laſt words of *Rudolph* are notable: Seeing his hand cut off, he ſaid to the Biſhops that had made him take arms. You ſee my hand which I had lift up to God with an Oath of fidelity to my Sovereign, now puniſht for fighting traiterouſly againſt him by your inſtigation. It ſeems that *Anno circiter* 1080.

[1] *Latina in Greg.* VII. Imperatorem ipſum anathemate notavit, privatum prius omni Regia adminiſtratione.

Marianus Scotus. Sigebertus Vspergenſis.

that the Popes command could not clear his conſcience of the crime of rebellion.

Platina. Sigebertus. *Urban* the II. did alſo excommunicate and perſecute that worthy Emperor *Henry* the IV. This is that *Urban* who made that goodly Decree, That an Oath made to an excommunicated perſon, muſt not be kept. The quarrel which made theſe Popes excommunicate the Emperor was about collation of Benefices.

Urban II. Cauſa 15. q. 6. Can. Juratos. Juratos milites Hugoni Comiti ne ipſi quandiu excommunicatus eſt ſerviant prohibemus.

Pope *Paſchal* the II. who ſucceeded *Urban*, made that Emperors Son to take arms againſt his Father. And that ungracious Son was ſuch an obedient Son to his Holineſs, that he gave battel to his Father: Who being overcome, and in his enemies hands, was depoſed in a Synod held at *Mentz*, by the Popes command to that purpoſe, and the Crown and other Imperial ornaments, were taken violently from him by three Biſhops, of *Mentz*, of *Collen*, and of *Worms*, and given to his Son *Henry* the V. The old Emperor being ſoon after dead for grief, the Pope would not ſuffer his Son to bury him, but he lay five years unburied. Theſe are the holy actions of him that cannot erre, and *hath all right ſhrined up in the cloſet of his breaſt.*

Aventinus Otho Friſingenſis.

Platina in Paulo II.

It is worth relating how that *Paſchal* ſped by theſe wicked acts. The new Emperor came to *Rome* to be crowned by him. There the quarrel was renewed about collation of Benefices. And becauſe the people of *Rome* roſe in a mutiny againſt him, he made a great ſlaughter of them, and took his Holineſs priſoner; uſing

Baronius An. Chr. 1111.

uſing *Jacobs* words, *I will not let thee go, till thou haſt given me thy bleſſing.* That bleſſing was the yielding of the Collation of Benefices, which *Paſchal* granted and confirmed it by Oath. But he revoked that Grant as ſoon as he was free again, although the Oath was taken by the Altar, where *Paſchal* dividing the Hoſt between the Emperor and him; uſed theſe words, which *Baronius* relates: *Sicubi pars hæc vivifici corporis diviſa eſt, ita diviſus ſit à regno Chriſti qui pactum hoc violare tentaverit. As this part of the vivifying body is divided, ſo let him be divided from Chriſts Kingdom, that will go about to break this Covenant.* But what! the Pope abſolveth others from their Oath, much more himſelf, when he liſteth.

Obſerve that the Roman Church hath altered her belief in that point, for they hold now that the body of Chriſt in the Sacrament cannot be divided.

This horrible action of a Son giving battel to his Father, and keeping him priſoner till he die, through hardneſs and anguiſh, is highly commended by *Baronius.* Why? the Son did it in obedience to the Pope, who would not pardon his Father, no not after his death. Theſe are *Baronius* his words; In this action, *the Son is no more to be condemned, than if a pious Son ſhould bind his Father, who is fallen mad.* And again, *Who can deny that it was the higheſt kind of piety, to have ſhewed himſelf cruel in this caſe?* Here is rebellion in the height, of a ſubject againſt his Sovereign: Here is a moſt horrible parricide, of a Son armed againſt his Father: both commanded by the Pope, and at his command executed. And both praiſed and recommended by a Jeſuite and a famous Cardinal, as a pattern for poſterity.

Baron. loco citato. Nihil habes in quo damnes filium, magis quam ſi inſanienti furentiq; pius filius vincula injiciat patri.

Quis negare poteſt ſummum fuiſſe hoc pietatis genus?

Calixtus

Calixtus the II. his next Succeſſor but one, excommunicated *Henry* the V. and forced him to compound.

Frinſingenſis. Platina.

How the Pope could be ſo bold abroad, being ſo weak at home, it is a wonder to me; for the *Romans* rebelled againſt *Innocent* the II. and created a Magiſtrate which they called *Patritius*, to whom they deferred the Government, whereby they broke his heart, and made him die for ſorrow. And when Pope *Lucius* the II. went about to put down that new Magiſtrate, he was anſwered, that the Senate would recover that right which the Popes had invaded by the help of *Charlemayne*. *Lucius* called upon the Emperor *Conrad* for help, who either could not, or would not help him. *Lucius* raiſeth Souldiers, and aſſaults the Capitol, but in that aſſault he was ſo bepelted with ſtones, that he died few days after.

And although Pope *Eugenius* the II. came to ſome compoſition with the *Romans*, yet both he and his Succeſſors, *Anaſtaſius* the IV. and *Hadrian* the IV. were kept under by them, and *Hadrian* was in the end forced to flie from *Rome*. Yet the ſame *Hadrian* ſuffered the Emperor *Frederick* the I. to hold his Stirrup, and quarrelled with him for taking the left inſtead of the right.

Helmodi chron. lib. 1. cap. 81.

That brave Emperor was more courſly uſed yet by the next Pope *Alexander* the *III.* who trod upon his Neck when he ſtooped to kiſs his Holineſs's Foot, uſing theſe words of the Pſalm 91. *Thou ſhalt tread upon the Lion and Adder, the young Lion and the Dragon ſhalt thou trample under feet.*

And when the Emperor ſaid, *Non tibi ſed Petro*, This ſubmiſſion I do not to thee, but to *Peter*; the Pope

Pope treading upon him again, ſaid, *Et mihi & Petro*, Both to me and to *Peter*.

Such was that Popes humility. So did he obey Saint Peters *command: Submit your ſelves to every ordinance of man for the Lords ſake.* The Pope had before excommunicated *Frederick*; and when he came to ſubmit and reconcile himſelf unto the Pope, his Holineſs gave him this welcome.

This ſo memorable paſſage, ſo known and ſo odious to all the World, is left out for ſhame by *Platina* and his Commentator *Onuphrius*. And all that *Platina* ſaith of that meeting is, that Frederick *kiſt the Popes feet in the Porch of Saint* Mark *of* Venice, *and then they went together to the great Altar.* But it is atteſted by twenty Hiſtorians alledged by *Hieronymo Bardo* in his *Hiſtoria Navalis*. The great Juriſconſult * *Duarenus* relateth it with great deteſtation of ſo great a pride and tyranny. For which *Joſeph Stevan* * who writ at *Rome* to *Gregory* the XIII. *of kiſſing the Popes feet*, checks *Duarenus*, ſaying that Pope *Alexander* the *III. trod the Emperor* Frederick *under foot, not only as ſalt which hath loſt its ſavour, but as an horrible wild beaſt.* And *Otho Friſingenſis* both relates it and commends it, * and ſaith, That the *Popes have the power to do ſo much, when they ſee the tyranny of Princes, or that faith is violated, or the dignity of the Church imbezelled.* So though the Hiſtory were not as it is, moſt undoubted-

Platina in Alexandro III.

* *Duarenus lib. 1. de ſacris Eccleſiæ Miniſteriis, cap. 2.*

* Joſeph Stevan. *Epiſt. ad* Gregor. XIII. *de oſculo pedum Papæ.*

Jure meritoque in Religionis & Eccleſiæ inſenſiſſimum hoſtem *Fredericum* Barbaroſſam, non ut in ſalem infatuatum quem jubet Chriſtus pedibus proterere, ſed potius ut horrendam belluam calcibus inſultavit.

* *Otho Friſing. lib. cap. 14.*

Quod factum ſummis liberum eſt ſacerdotibus, cum Principum tyrannidem, aut violatam fidem, aut Eccleſiæ imminutam dignitatem vident.

ly true, the approving and exalting of the fact in the Court of *Rome* makes that Court as guilty, as if it had been done. But it was done, and as bad was done by other Popes.

Pope *Celestin* the *III.* gave *Constantia* a Nun in marriage to the Emperor *Henry* the *VI.* and gave him for her dowry the Kingdom of both the *Sicilies*, upon condition he should expel *Tancred*, who was possess'd of the Kingdom. Hence a bloody War between *Henry* the *VI.* and *Tancred.* It is ordinary to the Pope to give that which is none of his. When the Pope giveth a Kingdom from a Prince that enjoyeth it, he commands together the people to resist him, making a sport to spill their blood, and damn their souls.

Platina
Ulsper-
gensis.

Baronius commends very much that *Popes* behaviour in the Crowning of the Emperor *Henry* the *VI.* and his Wife, thus related in the Annals of *Rogerius*.

Annal.
Roger.
an. 1191.

Sedebat Dominus Papa in Cathedra Pontificali tenens coronam auream inter pedes suos; & Imperator inclinato capite recepit coronam, & imperatrix similiter de pedibus Domini Papæ: Dominus autem Papa statim percussit cum pede suo coronam Imperatoris, & dejecit eam in terram, significans quod ipse potestatem ejiciendi eum ab Imperio habet, si ille demeruerit.

The Pope was sitting in his pontifical chair holding an Imperial golden Crown between his feet; and the Emperor bowing his head, received the Crown, and the Empress likewise by the feet of the Pope. And the Pope presently hit the Emperors Crown, and kick'd it down to the ground, thereby signifying that he had power to cast him down from the Empire if he deserved it.

Baronius having related this, amplifieth it with this morality, * *That it might remain fixed in the Emperors mind, that it lieth in the Popes pleasure to give, keep, preserve, and take away the Empire if there be cause for*

* *Baron. Tom.* 12. *Anno* 1191. *sect.* 10.

Ut fixum menti [*Cæsaris*] hæreret, nempe dare, custodire, conservare, & auferre, si causa exigeret, imperium esse

for it, he would admoniſh him with ſuch an example.

in voluntate Romani Pontificis, ejuſmodi voluit commonere eum exemplo.

Could the Devil have ſet up pride to a higher pin? to put the Emperors Crown at his feet, as a foot-ſtool for him to tread upon; put the Crown on the Emperors head with his feet, as an office too low for his hands: and then with his foot kick it down, as having a quarrel againſt the Imperial Crown, and together a contempt for it. This and the treading upon the Emperors neck were *ſignificant ceremonies* with a witneſs. And what more effectual courſe could have been taken to raiſe rebellion in all the States of Chriſtendom, than thus to blaſt the reſpect of Majeſty? For thereby all Nations were taught, that their Princes were not Sovereigns, but the Popes Vaſſals and Liegemen: That themſelves were not their Kings Subjects, but the Popes, who could kick down their Crowns when he liſted; and that when that ſupreme Head ſhall command it, the Feet, that is the inferior Members of the State, muſt make Foot-balls of the Crowns of Emperors and Kings.

After *Celeſtin* the *III.* came *Innocent* the *III.* as proud, but more active than he. *England* hath reaſon to remember this Pope. For he excommunicated King *John*, depoſed him, abſolved his Subjects from their allegiance to him, and caſt an Interdict upon *England*, which laſted ſix years. All which time no Divine Service was ſaid in the Kingdom, but in ſome priviledged places, no Sacrament was adminiſtred, and no Corps buried in Conſecrated Ground. The Kingdom of *England* he gave to *Philip Auguſt* of *France*, if he could

take it; and that by a formal order, thus related by *Matthew Paris*; *The Pope by the counsel of the Cardinals, Bishops, and other prudent men gave a definitive sentence, that the King should be put down from his Throne: For the execution of that Sentence, The Pope writ to the most potent King of the French,* Philip, *that for the remission of his sins he should take that labour upon him.* A new way for that King to get the remission of his sins, to invade his neighbours estate. As in the age of our Fathers Pope *Sixtus* the V. gave Nine Years of true indulgence to all the French that would bear arms against their King *Henry* the *III.* Thus the remission of sins purchased by the bloud of the Son of God, and presented by his Gospel to all that repent and believe, is by the Pope given as a reward of Invasion and Rebellion.

Matth. Paris in vita Reg. Johan. Papa ex consilio Cardinalium, Episcoporum, & aliorum virorum prudentium, sententialiter definivit ut Rex à solio deponeretur. Ad hujus quoque sententiæ executionem scripsit Dominus Papa potentissimo Regi Francorum *Philippo*, quatenus in remissionem peccatorum suorum hunc laborem assumeret.

Matthew Paris writes, that, The Pope having gotten the Kingdom of *England* to himself (to his thinking) sent to *Philip August*, to enjoyn him to be reconciled with King *John*, else he would put *France* to Interdict. *Philip* answered, that he feared not his sentence, and that it belonged not to the Church of *Rome* to pronounce a sentence against the King of *France*.

It is a long and a sad story, how King *John* was persecuted by Pope *Innocent* the *III.* his Barons made to rise against him, his Neighbours to fall upon him, his Clergy to revile him, and his People to despise him; till that unlucky King was brought to such an extremity, that to buy his peace he gave his Kingdom to the Pope,

Pope, and yet could not get his peace that way. The Gold which he laid at the Legats feet in ſign of ſubjection, the Legat trod under his feet in ſcorn, yet took it in his hand after, ſo great was his clemency.

What a cruel tyranny did the following Popes exerciſe over his Son *Henry* the *III.* in his long and unfortunate Reign, inſulting over his weakneſs and ſuperſtition? How licentiouſly did theſe Wolves tear and raven in *England*, while the publick cry of the oppreſſed people repreſented unto the King, that his *Kingdom was become like a Vine, whoſe fence is pulled down, and rooted out by the wild Boar.* *Matth. Paris. in vita Henr. III.*

Theſe Hiſtories which make the uſurpations of the Roman Court to be abhorred, yet are ſet forth by the Jeſuite *Petra Sancta* as examples for all Princes; And he would have all Kings to imitate King *John* and *Henry* the *III.* of *England* in their ſubjection to the Pope. He could not have choſen more pregnant examples to dehort them from it, conſidering the gulf of miſeries which they ſunk into by their ſtooping under the Popes tyranny. But they have more reaſon to follow the example of the next King, brave *Edward* the *I.* who recovered his own and his Kingdoms liberty, by expelling all the Roman Exactors out of *England*; and by his contempt of *Rome* reigned peaceable and glorious. For the Pope, who in the Reigns of his Father and Grandfather was thundering continually, and cudgelling both King and people, never ſpake a word againſt this ſtout King. *Petra Sancta Not. in Epiſt. ad Balzac.*

Pope *Innocent* the *III.* played with his Spiritual Sword in *Germany* as well as in *England*, for he excommunicated

Platina in *Innocent III.*
Otho iram Pontificis in ſe concitavit à quo & anathemate notatur & Imperii *titulis* privatur.

municated the Emperor *Otho* the *IV.* *and deprived him of the titles of the Empire*, as *Platina* ſpeaks warily, for Popes cannot take away Kingdoms, but only deny to acknowledge the *titles*.

The Emperor *Frederick* the *II.* was worſe uſed by the Popes, though much deſerving of the Roman See, to which he had given the County of *Fundi*. For he was excommunicated and depoſed by Pope *Honorius* the *III.* and again by *Gregory* the *IX.* for that Monſter of pride and greedineſs, when the Emperor was gone on his errand into *Palæſtina*, anathematized him, raiſed him enemies in *Germany*, by his preaching Friars, and taking advantage of his abſence, ſent an Army into *Apulia*, and ſeiſed upon the Emperors Lands. Twice he ſhewed himſelf reconciled with the Emperor, and twice again broke with him, and excommunicated him; but with ill ſucceſs to himſelf: For by all theſe Excommunications and Depoſitions the Emperor thrived; who after a long patience fell upon the Pope; made his Interdicts laid upon the Empire, to be hiſſed out; and ſo diſtreſſed the Pope by his Armies, that he died for wrath and ſorrow.

Platina.

Matth. Paris in Vita *Hen. III. Reg. Angl. Uſpergenſis. Trithemius.*

The ſame Emperor was alſo excommunicated and perſecuted by Pope *Innocent* the *IV.* And when after the Emperors death, the arms of his Son proſpered in *Italy*, he gave the Kingdom of *Sicily* to *Richard* brother to *Henry* the *III.* of *England*; *Richard* not acquainted with the Popes giving of Kingdoms, asketh that the Forts and the Treaſure and Hoſtages ſhould be given to him. Herein wiſer (if he had ſtayed there) than others,

Platina. Matth. Paris.

others, who accept that which the Pope cannot deliver.

I will pass by many Popes that came after, who sent their Excommunications no further than the Kingdom of *Naples* and *Sicily*, and filled *Italy* with factions, that they might fish in troubled waters: Let us fix our contemplation a little upon that high pattern of Pontifical vertues, *Boniface* the *VIII.* upon whom *Platina* bestoweth this Character. *That* Boniface *who studied to give terrour rather than religion, unto Emperors, Kings, Princes, and Nations, and laboured to give and take away Kingdoms, drive men away, and bring them again, according to his pleasure. One that was thirsty of goods scraped up from all places, more than can be expresst.*

Platina in *Bonifacio.*
Bonifacius ille qui Imperatoribus, Regibus, Principibus, Nationibus, Populis, terrorem potius quam religionem injicere conabatur; Quique dare regna & auferre, pellere homines ac reducere, pro arbitrio conabatur; aurum undique conquisitum plus quam dici potest sitiens.

The passages between him and the French King *Philip* the Fair, are known, yet perhaps not to all. This is the History in short: This Pope having a grudge against him about the Collation of Benefices, and desiring to pick a quarrel, sent to him the Bishop of *Pamiers*, to command him to undertake an expedition to the Holy Land, and to threaten him if he refused. The Bishop did that errand so malapertly, that the King offended, committed him to prison. The Pope angry, demanded the Bishop again, and had him; and sent this Letter to the King. *Fear God, and keep his Commandments. We will have thee to know that thou art our Subject, both for the Spiritual and the Temporal. That no Collation of Benefices and Prebends belongs to thee.*

Siella. Hist. de France.

thee. And if thou haſt the cuſtody of any of them that are vacant, we will have thee to reſerve the fruits for their Succeſſors. And if thou haſt granted any (Benefices) *We declare all ſuch Collations null, and as far as they are executed* de facto, *We revoke them. Thoſe that believe otherwiſe, we hold them for Hereticks.* Theſe goodly Letters being brought to *Paris* by a Legate, were pluckt from him by the Kings Council and Judges, and caſt into the fire by the Earl of *Artois*. And to them the King returned this Anſwer: Philip *by the Grace of God, King of the French, to* Boniface, *calling himſelf Sovereign Pontife; little greeting, or rather none at all. Let thy moſt egregious folly know that in temporal things we are ſubject to no man. That the Collation of Churches and Prebends belongs unto us by Royal Right, and converting the ſame to our uſe, during the vacancy. That the Collation by us made, and to be made, ſhall be valid; and that in vertue of the ſame, we will courageouſly defend the poſſeſſors. Thoſe that hold otherwiſe, We hold to be idiots, and bereaved of their ſenſe.*

The Pope inraged excommunicates the King, but none durſt be the publiſher or bearer of that Bull. The King aſſembleth at *Paris* his Knights, Barons, and Prelates, and asketh them of whom they hold their Lordſhips, and the temporal of their Eccleſiaſtical preferments. All anſwer that they hold them of the King, not of the Pope, whom they charge with hereſie and many crimes. The Pope aſſembleth a General Council (as *Platina* calleth it) though it was gathered out of few Countries) and by a Decree of that Council, depriveth *Philip* of his Kingdom, and giveth it to the Emperor

Platina.

peror *Albert*; and laboureth to arm *Germany* and *Netherlands* againſt *France*. But that vigorous King ſent *Nogaret* into *Italy*, who by the help of *Sciarra Columna*, whoſe Family *Boniface* had cruelly oppreſt, got two hundred Horſe, and ſurpriſed the Pope at *Anagnia*, whom they mounted upon a poor jade, and brought him priſoner to *Rome*, where he was ſo ill beloved, that no body ſtirred to reſcue him. With this adverſity his proud heart was broken, and he died five and thirty days after.

Benedict the XI. who was elected in his place, abſolved *Philip* preſently. And his ſucceſſor *Clement* the V. to that Abſolution added a complemental Bull, in which *Philip* is exalted as a pious and religious Prince, and well deſerving of the Church; as it may be ſeen *Extravagante Meruit*. For the Popes eaſily pardoned the ſins of thoſe whom they feared. Truly that vertuous King hath left a fair leſſon to poſterity, by what ways the favour of that Holy See ought to be purchaſed and preſerved. And ſince *Lewis* the XIV. now reigning is taking the like courſe with the Pope, he is like to be in time the favourite of his Holineſs, and to obtain from him another Bull *meruit*; declaring how well that eldeſt Son of the Church hath deſerved from the Church his Mother.

As it may be ſeen *Extravagante Meruit.*

This was written *an.* 1667.

Pope *John* XXIII. angry that *Ludovicus Bavarus* had taken upon him the adminiſtration of the Empire, before he got his leave, refuſed to crown him, though many times deſired by him. The Emperor did nothing the leſs continue his power and imperial care both in *Germany* and *Italy*, and going to *Rome* (the Pope

Platina. Hieronymus Marius.

then ſitting at *Avignon*) was crowned by the joynt conſent of Clergy, Nobles, and People. Upon which he was excommunicated and deprived of the Empire as far as words could do it, by this Pope. And the ſame Sentence was confirmed againſt the Emperor, by the Succeſſor of *John*, *Benedict* the XII.

Clement the VI. who came next after, was more *inclement* than his predeceſſors, in perſecuting *Ludovicus Bavarus*. For he excommunicated all the Biſhops that adhered to him; and ſet Bulls at the doors of all the Churches, to raiſe rebellion againſt him. And when the Emperor would ſubmit to him, and ſue for peace, he required ſuch conditions of him, as neither he, nor the Princes of the Empire, would or could yield unto, as that he ſhould depoſe himſelf, put all his Eſtate, and his own Sons in the Popes power, and promiſe to undertake no more any thing, without the Popes leave. Theſe conditions being rejected by the Emperor, *Clement* charged the Electors to Elect another. Which when the Archbiſhop of *Mentz* refuſed to do, repreſenting the Emperors innocency, he deprived him of his Archbiſhoprick, and of his Electoral dignity. The other Electors corrupted with money by *John* King of *Bohemia*, elected his Son *Charles* King of the Romans, whom *Clement* approved; whence great and bloudy Wars followed, and the Emperor *Ludovicus Bavarus* was taken away by poiſon by *Clements* means, as ſome Authors write.

Nauclerus.

That Election of *Charles* the IV. was the breaking of the back of the Empire, which the Popes had been long labouring for. For this *Charles*, that he might be elected

Faſciculus temp. Volaterran.

elected Emperor, pawned the tributes of the Empire to the Electors: And the Electors made him ſwear that he would never diſengage that pawn. Then they made him make that authentical Capitulation, which I have produced in my firſt Chapter. The Empire being thus weakned, and loſing the Tributes, which are the ſinews of War, was diſabled from reſiſting the Turk, who hath ſince waſted the Chriſtian Provinces with little oppoſition, and hath deſtroyed ſo many Churches, or turned them into Moskites. For all theſe diſtractions, the Church and the Empire may thank the See of *Rome*, which had a hand in all the Negotiations of the Princes of *Germany* and *Italy*; and whoſe Authority acted always for the depreſſion of the Emperor. Neither could all theſe conditions, ſo hurtful to the Imperial Dignity, and the publick ſubſiſtence, have paſt into ſtanding laws, if the Pope had not promoted them, or if he would have ſhewed himſelf againſt them.

Since this Pope *Clement* the VI. for about fifty or threeſcore years, I find not that the Popes had many irons in the fire out of the limits of *Italy*, the Papal power being much broken with Schiſms. So that the Popes inſtead of fulminating Bulls againſt Emperors and Kings, courted the ſeveral Monarchs of Chriſtendom, to take their party againſt their Anti-popes.

Benedict the XIII. in the year 1408. being incenſed againſt *Charles* the VI. of *France*, for inhibiting the exactions of the Papal Court, ſent a Bull of Excommunication againſt the King and his Princes. The Univerſity of *Paris* required that the Bull ſhould be torn, and

Theodoricus à Niem in nemore unionis.

Somnium Viridarii.

and that Pope *Benedict*, (whom they called *Peter de Luna*) ſhould be declared Heretick, Schiſmatick, and diſturber of peace: Which was done. The Bull was torn by Sentence of the Court: And two *Bulliſts*, bearers of that Bull, made that which they call *Honourable amends*, upon the Palace ſtair, then were carried in two dung carts, arrayed in Jerkins of courſe linnen cloth painted, with paper Miters on their head, the trumpets ſounding before them, and the common people howting upon them, and abuſing them. So little account did they make of the roaring of the Popes Bulls.

Carolus Molinæus contra parvas datas, relates that Sentence of the Court.

For a hundred years after *Benedict* the XIII. I find not that the Popes made uſe of their ſpiritual Sword againſt any Prince out of *Italy* and *Sicily*; partly by reaſon of Schiſms, when that Roman Beaſt had many heads; partly by reaſon of the Councils occaſioned by theſe Schiſms. For they had three Councils in leſs than forty years, at *Conſtance*, at *Baſil*, and at *Florence*; and the firſt and ſecond of them took upon them to depoſe Popes, and gave credit to that dangerous opinion, ſo odious to the Court of *Rome*, that the Council is above the Pope. This kept the Popes for a time in ſome order and reſpect to the Princes of Chriſtendom, but for ſome wrangling about pragmatick ſanctions, which grew not ſo high as to War or Excommunication.

But in recompence, *Julius* the II. raiſed wars and tumults, as much as would ſerve for a hundred years. He drew both his Swords againſt ſeveral Princes and States of Chriſtendom; eſpecially againſt that excellent

lent King *Lewis* the XII. of *France*. For having drawn him into *Italy* for his ends, he makes a League to drive him out; excommunicates him, and puts his Kingdom in Interdict. Excommunicates the *Venetians*, giveth their dominions to any that will take them. Driveth the *Bentivogli* out of *Bononia*; expoſeth their Houſes to pillage: Excommunicates the Duke of *Ferrara*, and invades his Countrey by Arms; goes to War in perſon. Makes the Engliſh, the Spaniards, and the Switzers, to fall upon the French; takes many Imperial Cities. Excommunicates the King of *Navarre*, and giveth his Kingdom to the King of *Arragon*, who upon that invades and takes it: And this is all the title that the Spaniard hath to *Navarre*, which he keepeth to this day. So much blood was ſhed in Chriſtendom by the means of that plague of Mankind Pope *Julius* the II. that it is thought that he was the death of two hundred thouſand Chriſtians, in ſeven years time. *Onuphrius. Paul. Fovius.*

In a Synod of the Gallican Church at *Tours*, it was declared that the Pope hath no power to make war againſt a Chriſtian Prince; and if he do ſo, that the Prince hath power to invade the Popes Territories. This the King ſignifieth to *Julius*, and cites him to anſwer to a General Council, which both the Emperor and he had called to be held at *Lyons*. The Council was held there, but ſoon removed to *Piſa*; where the Council cited *Julius* to appear; and he not appearing, was condemned as an Incendiary, unworthy to ſit at the Helm of the Church, and declared deprived of the Papal Dignity. There alſo *Lewis* coined golden Crowns with this Motto, *Perdam nomen Babylonis.* *Nicol. Gilles in Vita Ludov XIII. Thuan. lib. 1.*

I will destroy the name of Babylon. For it is observable, that all that have quarrelled with the See of *Rome* these thirteen hundred years, have called it *Babylon*, and Saint *Hierome* was he that began.

Hieron. ad Marcellam.

We cannot charge the Successor of *Julius*, *Leo* the X. to have stirred Wars abroad; he loved too much his ease at home for that. But I could not pass by him, for indeed his memory is precious to all Protestants, for giving occasion to the Reformation by his Indulgences. And he is worthy to be recorded for his sentence spoken to his Secretary Cardinal *Bembo*, *Quantum nobis nostrisque ea de Christo fabula profuerit, satis est omnibus sæculis notum*, an axiome of too high a nature to be Englished.

Crispinus.

After him came next but one *Clement* the VII. the Fomenter of the quarrel between the Emperor and the French, joyning sometimes to the one, sometimes to the other, and playing false with both, whereby he gave occasion to the taking and sacking of *Rome*. The thundering of this Pope, and of his Successor *Paul* the III. against *Henry* the VIII. did him no harm, but to themselves, and to the Roman See very much.

Jovius.

Of the following Popes till *Pius* the V. the Protestants have much to say, as of Men that sought their own pleasure, and wrought their ruine. Hence so much blood spilt in horrible Massacres. But these are besides my subject, which is to make the Popes to appear Authors of rebellion.

But now in a good time we are come to *Pius* the V. that Pope whom the English Protestants have most reason

ſon to remember. For without admonition or citation premiſed, he pronounced a ſentence of anathema againſt that bleſſed and glorious Queen *Elizabeth*, to raiſe rebellion in the Kingdom againſt her Authority and Life, and cauſed the ſame to be publiſhed and ſet up upon the Palace Gate of the Biſhop of *London*: the Title was this; *A ſentence declaratory of our holy Lord Pope* Pius *againſt* Elizabeth *Queen of* England, *and the Hereticks adhering unto her, Wherein her Subjects are declared abſolved from the Oath of Allegiance, and every thing due unto her whatſoever; and thoſe which from thenceforth obey her, are innodated with the anathema.* In that Bull Pope *Pius* having firſt ſtyled himſelf *Servant of Servants*, declareth that *God hath made the Biſhop of* Rome *Prince over all People, and all Kingdoms, to pluck up, deſtroy, ſcatter, conſume, plant and build.* Then he calleth Elizabeth *the pretended Queen of* England, *the ſervant of wickedneſs.* And having declared her crimes, which are to have taken upon her ſelf that ſupremacy which his Holineſs pretended to, and to have eſtabliſhed the true Catholick Orthodox Religion in her Kingdoms, he doth thunder out this ſeditious Decree againſt her and all her loyal Subjects. *We do out of the fulneſs of our Apoſtolick power declare the aforeſaid* Elizabeth, *being an Hereticke, and a favourer of Hereticks, and her adherents in the matters aforeſaid, to have incurred the ſentence of anathema, and to be cut off from the unity of the body of Chriſt. And moreover we do declare her to be deprived of her pretended Title to the Kingdom aforeſaid, and of all Dominion, Dignity, and Priviledge whatſoever. And alſo the Nobility, Subjects, and*

Cambdens Hiſt. of Q. Elizabeth.

Micolaus Sanderus de ſchiſmate Anglicano. lib. 3.

and People of the ſaid Kingdom, and all other which have in any ſort ſworn unto her, to be for ever abſolved from any ſuch Oath, and all manner of duty of Dominion, Allegiance, and Obedience, as we alſo do by authority of theſe preſents abſolve them, and do deprive the ſame Elizabeth *of her pretended Title to the Kingdom, and all other things aboveſaid. And we do command and interdict all and every the Noblemen, Subjects, People, and others aforeſaid, that they preſume not to obey her, or her Monitions, Mandates, and Laws: And thoſe which ſhall do to the contrary, we do innodate with the like ſentence of anathema.*

This Bull was the fire and the roaring of the Cannon, and the bullet came forth immediately; which was the rebellion in the *North*, for which *Chapino Vitelli* was ſent into *England* from the Duke of *Alva*, under pretence of compounding ſome controverſies about commerce. And *Nicholas Morton* was ſent from the Pope to knit the rebellion. Which he did, denouncing from his Maſter, that Queen *Elizabeth* was an Heretick, and thereby had forfeited to the Pope all her dominion and power. At the ſame time a rebellion broke out in *Ireland*, kindled or blown by a Spaniard, *Juan Mendoza*. And when the Rebels of *England* were defeated, they found refuge among the Papiſt Rebels of *Scotland*, who ſet up again the Engliſh rebellion. All theſe in vain, by the gracious aſſiſtance of God to poor *England*, as if his compaſſion had been ſtirred up by his jealouſie, after that the Pope had declared himſelf ſo inſolently, *Prince over all People, and all Kingdoms, to pluck up, deſtroy, ſcatter, conſume, plant, and build.* And God

God would ſhew, that to himſelf, not to the Pope, *belongeth the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory for ever.*

Neither did *Pius* the V. fight only by Bulls, but at the ſame time that the Bull was publiſhed, he laid down a hundred thouſand Crowns to raiſe the rebellion, and promiſed fifty thouſand more, yea, and to bear the whole charge of the War. That Money was diſtributed by one *Ridolpho.* And how active that Pope was to ſtir *Spain, France* and *Netherlands* againſt the Queen, and to put her Kingdom in combuſtion, is related by *Hieronymo Catena,* an Author of great credit at *Rome* in his life of *Pius* the V.

Gregory the XIII. ſucceeded *Pius* the V. in all his plots againſt *England.* He gave to *Thomas Stukely,* an Engliſh Rebel, a Commiſſion to help the Rebels of *Ireland,* and get that Kingdom for the Baſtard-Son of his Holineſs, *James Boncompagnon* ; and gave him the command of eight hundred Italians to joyn with King *Sebaſtian* of *Portugal,* who had engaged his word to the Pope to ſerve him with his whole power againſt Queen *Elizabeth,* and had raiſed a great Army for that expedition. But when *Stukely* came to *Sebaſtian*, he found him poſſeſs'd with a new project to help a Moor King of *Fez,* againſt another King who kept him out of poſſeſſion, and to get the Kingdom from them both. To that War he invited *Stukely,* promiſing that preſently after that work done (which he repreſented to him moſt eaſie) they ſhould go together to the War againſt *England* and *Ireland.* So they ſailed over into *Africa,* where *Sebaſtian* and his whole Army were de-

ſtroyed; and with him *Stukely* and the Popes Italian Souldiers were cut in pieces. A deliverance of *England* ever to be remembred with praiſe and admiration. *So let thine enemies periſh, O Lord.*

This Pope had a great hand in that unparalleled villany wrought by the marriage of *Henry* Prince of *Navarre*, with the Siſter of *Charles* the IX. of *France*. A marriage which *Pius* the V. would never conſent unto, by reaſon of their difference in Religion. But when his Succeſſor *Gregory* the XIII. was told by the Cardinal of *Lorrain*, that this marriage was intended as a trap to deſtroy *Henry* and his Proteſtant party, he preſently gave his diſpenſation for the celebrating of it, and encouraged the deſign. The horrible maſſacre which attended the jollity of that marriage, was received at *Rome* with triumphant expreſſions of publick joy. And Cardinal *Urſin* was ſent Legat into *France*, to praiſe the Kings piety and wiſdom in that great action, and to beſtow bleſſings and ſpiritual graces upon the King and the Actors of that fearful Tragedy. The Court of *Rome* might well praiſe what themſelves had procured, if not contrived; and truly the plot hath an Italian garb, and looks not like a production of the French ſoil.

Thuanus.

Not long after, this Pope ſent to *Henry* the III. of *France*, and to his people Indulgences for millions of years, which were to be obtained by making proceſſions to four Churches in *Paris*, and by being zealous and diligent in the extirpation of hereſies, that is (in his ſtyle) to extermine the Proteſtants.

The Male line of the Kings of *Portugal* being extinct, this

this Pope laid a claim to the Kingdom, as depending from the holy See, and would have the Nation to have taken arms for him againſt the heirs from the Females: But his claim was hiſſed out with great ſcorn.

In the year 1580. this Pope ſent an Italian called *San Joſepho* with ſome Italian Troops into *Ireland*, to joyn with the Iriſh Rebels. When they were demanded by a meſſage from the Lord Deputy who they were, and what they came for, they anſwered, Some that they were ſent by the moſt holy Father the Pope, and ſome from the Catholick King of *Spain*, to whom the Pope had given *Ireland*, becauſe Queen *Elizabeth* had juſtly forfeited her Title to *Ireland* by her hereſie. A doctrine which at the ſame time was preach'd in *England* and *Ireland* by Jeſuites and other Seminary Prieſts; with great boldneſs and vehemency: till the Queen and her Council perceiving what danger the State was running into by theſe Mens activeneſs and impunity, *Campian* and ſome others ſent by the Pope on that errand were apprehended. And being examined, they obſtinately defended the Popes authority over the Queen, and maintained that ſhe was no Queen, as being lawfully depoſed by the Pope; upon which they were condemned and executed. That Crown of Martyrdom the Pope procured to his Confeſſors. And the greater the number is of thoſe Martyrs that the Papiſts muſter, the more they exaggerate the Popes cruelty to his trueſt Vaſſals. For could the Pope expect, that perſons ſent to perſwade the people to diſpoſſeſs and kill their Sovereign, ſhould have other dealing from the hand of Juſtice?

The principal Article of the late Papal Creed is,

that which *Pius* the V. ſets forth in his Bull againſt the Queen, that *God hath made the Biſhop of* Rome *Prince over all people and all Kingdoms.* But the Engliſh Papiſts are taught that beſides that general right over all Kingdoms, the Pope hath a peculiar right over *England* and *Ireland* as his proper Dominions. This is *Bellarmines* doctrine which he hath made bold to maintain unto King *James* himſelf. *The King of* England (ſaith he) *is ſubject to the Pope by double right. The one by reaſon of his Apoſtolick power, which extends over all men, according to that* (Charter) Pſ. 44. *Thou ſhalt eſtabliſh them Princes over all the World. The other proper, by a right dominion.* Then he pleadeth that *England* and *Ireland* are the Churches dominions, the Pope the direct Lord, and the King his Vaſſal. This then being become an Article of Religion, in which the Engliſh Papiſts are inſtructed; and this in conſequence, that if the Pope diſallow the King, he is no more King of *England*, but an Uſurper, and muſt be uſed accordingly: Let any man judge, who hath ſome equity and freedom of judgment left, whether a prudent Prince and Council of State, ought to ſuffer ſuch an inſtruction to be given to the people. Truly the more Religion is pretended for that doctrine, and the practice of Rebellion obtruded as a commandment of the Church, the more it concerns the loyal Magiſtrate to oppoſe it vigorouſly.

Bellar lib. cui Titulus Tortus, pag. 19. Rex Anglorum duplici jure ſubjectus eſt Papæ, uno communi omnibus Chriſtianis ratione Apoſtolicæ poteſtatis quæ in omnes extenditur, juxta illud, Pſ. 44. Conſtitues eos Principes ſuper omnem terram: Altero proprio, ratione recti dominii.

Pope *Sixtus* the V. to favour the enterpriſe of *Philip* the II. upon *England*, renewed the Excommunication of

of Queen *Elizabeth*, pronounced by *Pius* the V. deprived her (*verbo tenus*) of her Kingdom, abſolved her ſubjects from all Allegiance to her, and publiſhed a *Croiſada* againſt her, as againſt the Turk, giving plenary Indulgence to all that would make war againſt her. But the Popes Curſes provoked Gods bleſſings upon the Queen, who might ſay as *David*, when *Shimei* curſed him; *The Lord will requite me good for his curſing this day.* All the ſtorms raiſed againſt *England*, were blown over without harm. The great preparations of *Spain* ſerved only to diſable it, and ſecure *England*. And the many attempts againſt the Queens life upon that Bull, contributed to her ſafety, by manifeſting to the World the wickedneſs of *Rome*, and the pernicious effects of the Roman principles. For which I might produce the Examinations and Confeſſions of many that ſuffered for attempting to murther the Queen, but I will bring but one for all. *William Parry* acknowledged that *he had promis'd at* Rome *to kill the Queen, about which he was moſt troubled in his conſcience, till he lighted upon Dr.* Allens book, *which taught that Princes excommunicate for hereſie, were to be deprived of Kingdom and life: Which book* (ſaith he) *did vehemently excite me to proſecute my attempt.*

This Popes Excommunications had more effect in *France*, for after that he had excommunicated King *Henry* the *III.* and abſolved his ſubjects from all Allegiance to him; in conſequence of that Bull many of the French rebelled againſt their King, and he was ſlain upon that account, by a Dominican Friar. Which when this Pope heard, he commended the action highly.

highly, in a full Consistory at *Rome*, and forbad that any funeral rites should be celebrated for him. Which funeral rites (usually celebrated at *Rome* for departed Princes) consisting most in prayer for their souls, it appeareth that his Holiness was not contented that he had slain that King by his Bull, but would also damn his soul.

Gregory the XIV. excommunicated by his Bulls *Henry* the IV. of *France*, forbidding all Peers, Nobles, Cities and Commons, to yield him obedience, and declaring him incapable of the Crown, as an Heretick and relapse. But that Bull was by the Court of Parliament, then sitting at *Tours*, condemned to be torn and burnt by the Hang-man.

Clement the VIII. did the same over again, and excommunicated *Henry*: The Bull was condemned as the other, to be burnt by the hand of the Hang-man. But the effect of these Bulls appeared by the attempts against the Kings life, which soon after followed; first by a Woman, next by *Peter Barriere*, and again by *John Chastel*; all denying him to be King, because he was not absolved by the Pope. Neither did the effects of these Bulls cease, after that the King was absolved by his Holiness: For by them the King got his death. *Ravilliac* who killed him, could alledge them when he was examined; and say that the King was an Heretick in his heart, and deserved to be slain, as an enemy of the Church.

Paul the V. was as turbulent as his predecessors, as he shewed it in his insolent and impertinent quarrel with the Venetians, because they had stopt by Edict

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the giving of Lands to the Church, whereby the State loſt many tributes and ſervices. He threatned them of Excommunication, if they did not recall that Law. And upon their maintaining of it, he excommunicated them, and put their State in Interdict. But it took no effect, for none of their Clergy would or durſt obey it; the Jeſuites only excepted, who therefore were expelled out of their dominions. They condemned the Popes Bull by Edict, and forbad the bringing of it into their Territory, upon pain of hanging: Neither did they give any ſatisfaction to the Pope, when the buſineſs came to an Arbitrement: but forced him to make amends to himſelf, and to come to their terms.

In the beginning of this Popes reign, was detected that Treaſon, not to be matcht in any age for cruelty and depth of villany, the Gunpowder-plot, to have deſtroyed in one blow the King, the Parliament, the Judges of the Land, and all the flowre and ſtrength of the Kingdom of *England*. This horrid Treaſon was the effect of the ſeveral Bulls of the Pope before the Reign of our gracious King *James* of glorious memory; who coming into his Kingdom of *England*, found it lying under a Papal Interdict; and himſelf excluded from the Crown, by a Bull ſent into *England*, a little before the death of Queen *Elizabeth*, whereby all that are not Roman Catholicks, are declared incapable of, and excluded from the Succeſſion: of which his Majeſty complains in his Apology. And that Bull was produced in the Indictment of the Jeſuite *Garnet*, as the principal motive of the Gunpowder Treaſon.

This gave occaſion to the Oath of Supremacy, ſet forth

forth by the King and his Parliament then ſitting, for the ſecurity of his Majeſties Life and Dignity; wherein it is required of all to whom it is adminiſtred, to acknowledge his Majeſty to be the lawful King of the Realms of *England*, *Scotland* and *Ireland*; and that the Pope hath no right to depoſe him of his Kingdoms, or diſpenſe his Subjects from their obedience to him. Alſo that they abhor as impious and heretical, this doctrine, That Princes excommunicated by the Pope, may juſtly be depoſed or ſlain by their own Subjects.

This Oath being preſented to the Roman Catholicks, ſome of them made no difficulty to take it, among others, *Blackwell* the Arch-prieſt. Whereupon the Pope ſent Apoſtolical Letters into *England*, declaring that *this Oath could not be taken with a ſafe conſcience, and exhorting the Engliſh to ſuffer all kinds of torments, and death it ſelf, rather than to offend Gods Majeſty by ſuch an Oath. To imitate the conſtancy of other Engliſh Martyrs. To have their loins girt about with vertue, to put on the Breaſt-plate of righteouſneſs, and take the Buckler of Faith.* He tells them *that God who hath begun in them that good work, will perfect it, and will not ſuffer them to be Orphans*, &c. *And he injoyneth them to obſerve diligently the precepts contained in the Letters which* Clement *the VIII. his predeceſſor had written a little before to Mr.* George *Arch-prieſt of* England. By which Letters all Princes of a Religion contrary to the Roman, are excluded from the Crown of *England*.

Dated *Sept.* 22. 1606.

Theſe Letters whereby the Engliſh were exhorted to be Martyrs of the Popes Sovereignty in *England*, and

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to make it an Article of their faith, which they muſt ſign with their bloud, that the Pope hath power to depoſe Princes, and expoſe them to be expelled and ſlain by their own ſubjects, did not receive that entertainment which he expected among the Engliſh of his Religion: For ſome rejected them as ſuppoſititious, and forged by the Hereticks, to draw perſecution upon them, and kindle their Kings wrath againſt them, he being already juſtly provoked to revenge by the late conſpiracy. The Pope hearing of this, ſends other, and more expreſs letters into *England*, to expoſtulate with the Roman Catholicks; ſaying, That *he wondred at their doubting of the truth of the Apoſtolick letters, to diſpenſe themſelves upon that pretence from obeying his commandments: And therefore he declareth, That thoſe Letters were written by himſelf, not only* motu proprio & ex certa ſcientia, *by his own motion and certain knowledge, but alſo after a long and grave deliberation, enjoyning them again to obey thoſe Letters, becauſe ſuch is his pleaſure.* Dated *Aug.* 23. 1607.

To theſe Letters which ſet up rebellion with a high hand, as an Article of the Roman Faith, were joyned letters of Cardinal *Bellarmine* to *Blackwell* the Archprieſt, wherein he chides him bitterly for taking the Oath, which under colour of modifications, had no other end, but to tranſport the Popes authority to a Succeſſor of *Henry* the *VIII.* And by the examples of his Predeceſſors, he exhorteth him to defend the Popes primacy, whom he calleth *The Head of the Faith.*

Of this Oath thus prohibited by the Pope, and cried down by *Bellarmine*, the Jeſuite *Becanus* ſaith, That

Becan. de diſſidio Anglic. Uterque negat ſalva conſcientia præſtari poſſe hoc juramentum quia abnegarent fidem Catholicam.

both of them [the Pope and *Bellarmine*] *deny that it may be taken with a ſafe Conſcience; becauſe by taking it, the Catholick Faith is denied.*

Is then an Article of the Catholick Roman faith, that Princes excommunicated by the Pope, are *ipſo facto* depoſed, and their ſubjects abſolved from all obedience and fidelity to them? It is directly, though not believed but by few: You have that fundamental Law authentically pronounced by *Gregory* the *VII.* and it is made a Canon of the Roman Church. *By Apoſtolical authority we abſolve from their oath, all them that are bound by fidelity or oath to excommunicate perſons, and by all means we forbid them to keep faith unto ſuch perſons.* I would ask the Roman Catholicks, Seriouſly do you believe this? And are you ready to ſeal that faith with your obedience or ſufferings upon occaſions? If you believe and will maintain it, you are not good ſubjects, but dangerous perſons in the State. If you deny faith and obedience to that Papal Decree, you are not good Roman Catholicks; for if you were, you would acknowledge the Pope *the Head of the Faith*, with *Bellarmine*, and that the Pope cannot erre in his Canons, and that it is in the Popes power to make Articles of faith, according to the determination of the Council of *Trent*. Now the Pope hath made this an Article of your faith, the denying of it an hereſie, and the reſiſting of it a crime puniſh'd in the perſons of Kings by the deprivation of Kingdom and life.

Cauſa 15. *Qu.* 5. *cap. Nos Sanctorum.* Eos qui excommunicatis fidelitate, aut Sacramento conſtricti ſunt, Apoſtolica authoritate à juramento abſolvimus, & ne ſibi fidem obſervent omnibus modis prohibemus.

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Open your eyes, Chriſtian ſouls, that are ſo much blinded as to pin your faith upon the Popes Decrees; And reading in your own Authors the hiſtories of the Popes behaviour which I have here repreſented, acknowledge that thoſe Decrees for many hundred years have been the powerful ſtirrers of rebellion in Chriſtendom, and the ambition of Popes the firſt Intelligence that ſets the great Orb of ſedition on going.

After that the Popes have thus commanded and wrought rebellion by expreſs Decrees, and filled the Chriſtian world with fire and bloud theſe five or ſix hundred years, have the Jeſuites the face, when we object this againſt the *Head of their Faith*, to object unto us in exchange ſome paſſages out of books either falſe, or diſowned by us, if true: And the defenſive Arms of a few perſons, living under the Croſs, and driven by themſelves upon the brink of deſpair? The evil which Men of our Religion have ſaid or done, we condemn freely and openly. Let the Romaniſts condemn alſo ſo many Decrees of the Popes which have been the Incentives of war, and brands of rebellion: But that they cannot, as long as they remain Papiſts, ſworn to approve all that the Pope ſaith or doth.

The difference between the faults of the Pope and thoſe of Proteſtants about the point of obedience, is this; That diſobedience with us is a crime, but with him it is a Law. We puniſh rebels, but the Pope rewards them. We ſay to rebels after St. *Paul*, That *they that reſiſt the higher powers, ſhall receive to themſelves damnation:* But the Pope promiſeth eternal life to make ſubjects rebel againſt their King. We abhor the murtherers

So did *Sixtus* the V. of which before.

therers of Kings, but the Pope ſets them on by his excommunications, and after the murther committed, makes panegyricks on their praiſe.

Can the Romaniſts produce among us a Prieſt that hath made himſelf a Temporal Prince by robbing his Maſter of his land, who hath kickt down the Emperors crown, trodden upon his neck with his foot, depoſed him from his Kingdom, made his ſon riſe in Arms againſt him, abſolved his ſubjects from their obedience, and given his Dominions to another; One that makes himſelf the abſolute diſpoſer of Kingdoms, and Maſter of the Univerſe? Such a Prieſt is no where to be found but at *Rome*.

After this true account of ſo many Emperors and Kings depoſed and killed, and ſo much rebellion, ſlaughter, and deſolation wrought in Chriſtendom by the Papal excommunications and factions; let the conſcionable Reader, who is not altogether ignorant in modern Hiſtory, judge what truth there is in our Adverſaries
Page 93. aſſertion, That *in this laſt Century of years there have been more Princes depoſed and murthered for their Religion by thoſe Proteſtants of Integrity, than have been in all the others ſince Chriſt's time by the Popes excommunications, or the attempts and means of Roman Catholicks.* He ſhould have ſet down a liſt of thoſe Princes depoſed and murthered by Proteſtants, and for their Religion. For my part I have heard of none. Indeed *Charles* the I. our holy King and Martyr, ſuffered for his Religion: and the Adverſary may take that one for many, becauſe he was πολλῶν ἀντάξιος ἄλλων, worth alone many Princes. But they that murthered him were not Proteſtants, they diſ-

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avow that name; And it was for the Proteſtant Religion that he ſuffered; yea, it was by the *Pope* and his Agents that he was put to death.

But ſince he ſpeaks of the *means and attempts made by Roman Catholicks againſt Princes*, he ſhall hear a little more of them.

CHAP. V.

The Adverſaries Defence of the Jeſuites examined. Their Doctrine and Attempts againſt the Crown and life of Kings.

THe Adverſary who is commended in the Epiſtle to the Reader, as *a moſt obſervant Son of the Church of* England, takes upon him the defence of the Jeſuite *Mariana*, ſo infamous for his doctrine of killing of Kings, and ſaith three things about that.

The one is, That he handleth that matter only problematically. But the Court of Parliament of *Paris*, compoſed of grave heads, did not underſtand it ſo, when they condemned his book to the fire. Neither doth he ſpeak of the murther of *Henry* the III. of *France* problematically, when he exalteth the murtherer in theſe words. *Making a ſhew of delivering letters* [to the King] *he gave him a deep wound above the bladder with a poiſoned knife which he hid in his hand. O admirable confidence of mind! O memorable action! by killing the King, he got to himſelf a great name.* And in the ſame place he taxeth the Kings ſervants, who preſently

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Mariana lib. 1. de Rege & Regis Inſtitutione, cap. 6. Specie literas in manus tradendi cultro quem herbis noxiis medicatum manu tegebat ſupra veſicam altum vulnus inflixit. Inſignem animi confidentiam! Facinus memorabile — Cæſo Rege ingens ſibi nomen fecit.

ſently killed that murtherer, of cruelty and barbarouſneſs.

The ſecond anſwer for *Mariana* is, That *the queſtion* Page 94. *was not for killing of Kings, but for killing of Tyrants.* This man ſhews himſelf a right ſcholar of the Jeſuites, for this is their diſtinction. But if a King depoſed by the Pope keeps his Kingdom in ſpight of him, they account him no more a King, but a Tyrant. And whereas there are two ſorts of Tyrants, ſome by uſurpation, which they call *Tyrannos in Titulo*, Tyrants in the Title; ſome Tyrants by adminiſtration; the Jeſuites hold, That a lawful King when he is once depoſed by the Pope, *begins to be a Tyrant in his Title, becauſe he is no more a lawful King.* And being thus become a Tyrant, it is by their doctrine lawful to kill him. Therefore *Henry* the IV. of *France*, whom no body durſt have called King at *Rome* before his abſolution, was ſo often aſſaulted by murtherers at that time, becauſe he was accounted a Tyrant as long as he reigned without the Popes approbation. Upon that account *Bellarmine* ſaith, That the Pope depoſing a King, doth not permit the people to diſobey their King, but he makes him that was their King, to be their King no more.

Suarez. defenſ. lib. 6. cap. 5. Incipit eſſe Tyrannus in Titulo quia non eſt legitimus Rex.

Bellarm. in Barklaium, cap. 3. Non permitto tibi (inquit Papa) ut regi non pareas, quod eſſet contra jus divinum, ſed facio ut ille qui tibi Rex erat non ſit tibi deinceps Rex.

The third anſwer is, that the whole order of Jeſuites diſavows *Mariana*'s poſition, and have categorically determined the contrary. But why then did the ſame General of the Jeſuites, who diſavowed it when deſtruction was hanging over the head of his Order, approve and licence it before? For the Book was approved

ved by *Aqua viva* General of the Jeſuites, and *Stephanus Hoyeda* Viſitor of their Society in the Province of *Toledo*. And the approbation mentioneth that other Jeſuites had approved it before.

Quippe approbatus prius à viris doctis & gravibus ex eodem ordine.

The Adverſary brings ſome allegations out of Books of Jeſuites that diſown that poſition, that it is lawful to attempt againſt the life of a Prince. The Jeſuite *Eudemono-Johannes* had made thoſe allegations ready for him. He makes *Tolet* ſay in his *Summary*, *lib.* 5. *cap.* 6. that it is not lawful to attempt againſt the life of a Prince, though he never ſo much abuſe his Power, and that it is flat Hereſie to maintain the contrary. But theſe are *Tolets* words in the alledged place, That, *It is not lawful to kill without publick authority a Tyrant by adminiſtration, who hath indeed a juſt Title, but uſeth his Subjects tyrannically.* Now what publick authority doth he mean, but that of the Pope? And that is meant alſo by *Suarez*, who ſaith, *That a Prince may not be killed by any out of private authority for his Tyrannical Government, or for any crime whatſoever.* He will have a publick authority for it, which is that of the Pope. For both *Bellarmine* and *Becan* maintain, that the Pope hath the ſame right over Kings, as *Jehojada* had over *Athalia*. Now *Jehojada the high Prieſt* (ſaith he) *firſt deprived Athalia of her Kingdom, and next of her life.* And a little after, *All the power and juriſdiction that was granted to the high Prieſt in the Old Teſta-*

Tolet Sum. lib 5. *cap.* 6.
Tyrannum adminiſtratione qui quidem habet verum titulum ſed tyrannicè tractat ſubditos, non licet abſque publica authoritate occidere.

Suarez Defenſ. fid. lib. 6. *cap.* 4.
Dicimus Principem propter tyrannicum regimen vel propter quæcunque crimina non poſſe ab aliquo privata authoritate occidi.

Bellarm. lib. 5. *de Romano Pontif. cap.* 8.
Becan. lib. de controverſia Anglicana.
Jehojada Pontifex prius privavit Athaliam regno, deinde vita. *Et Paulo poſt*, Quicquid poteſtatis & juriſdictionis permiſſum fuit Pontifici in Veteri Teſtamento, hoc etiam in Novo promiſſum eſt illi.

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ment, is promised to him also in the New. This is then that authority without which they will not have a King kill'd, and by which he may be kill'd, even the Popes authority.

Our Jesuite alledgeth *Salmeron*, expounding the 13. Chapter to the *Romans*, *Where* (saith he) *he referreth the act of* Ehud *against King* Eglon *to Gods expres commandment.* That's granted. But hear him further. *It is not lawful for a private person to kill a Tyrant by his own authority, especially if he be in quiet possession and reign armed with Guards about him.* All the security which he giveth to Kings, whom the Pope will call Tyrants, is, that no Man by his private authority can kill him; but by the publick authority, which is that of the Pope, any Man may. And he giveth a good warning to such Kings to keep a strong guard about their persons, without which a Jesuite will soon find it lawful to kill them.

Salmeron in Rom. 13. Disp 5. Non licet privato propria authoritate Tyrannum interficere, maxime si in pacifica possessione sit & armatus satellitio regnet.

Greg. de Valent. part 2. q. 64.

Gregorius de Valentia alledged by the Adversary, saith indeed, *It is no way permitted, for a man to attempt upon the life of his Prince, albeit he abuse his authority:* But he addeth, *If it be not done by publick judgment.* Now that publick judgement is either that of the State, or of the Pope, or of the General of the Jesuites. But let us hear the same *Gregory* speak more home. *Temporal domination and superiority over Subjects, may by the Popes sentence be taken away from Hereticks. The reason is, that if they can be deprived of life, much more of all goods, and by consequence of all superiority over others*; taking it for granted

Greg. de Valen. Tom. 3. disputationum in Thomam, dis. 1. q. 12. pun. 2. Dominatio temporalis & superioritas in subditos per sententiam Papæ potest omnino adimi hæreticis. Ratio est quia si possunt privari vita multo magis omnibus bonis, & per consequens omni superioritate in alios.

granted and preſuppoſed that Kings may be deprived of life by the Popes Authority.

Bellarmine alledged by the Adverſary, may have declared his opinion as the other Jeſuites, that a King muſt not be depoſed and ſlain by private authority; then it may be done by publick authority. And we have ſhewed before that *Bellarmine* alloweth the ſame authority to the Pope over Kings, as *Jehojada* had over *Athalia*, whom he depoſed and killed; but he ſpeaks more plainly, when * he commends the murther committed by a Monk againſt the perſon of *Henry* the III. of *France*, and calls the Murtherer *Sacratum Virum*, a ſacred *perſon*. It ſeems then he had forgotten himſelf, when he *would not have Eccleſiaſtical men to kill Kings with their own hands*, but to ſtand to the method that the Pope obſerveth. Which is *firſt to admoniſh Kings fatherly, Then deprive them of the Communion of the Sacraments by Eccleſiaſtical cenſures. Finally to abſolve their ſubjects from the Oath of their Allegiance, and if needs be, deprive them of the Royal Authority. The execution belongeth to others.*

* *Bellar. ſub nomine* Matth. Torti, *pag.* 84. & 85. *Edit. Colon.*

Ultus eſt *Deus* Chriſtum ſuum dum per alium ſacratum virum alioqui militiæ imperitum & inermem regem eundem non ſine manibus divinæ providentiæ miraculo interfecit.

Idem contra Barkl. cap. 7. Non pertinet ad Monachos aut alios Eccleſiaſticos viros cædes facere, multo minus per inſidias Reges occidere; Neque ſummi Pontifices conſueverunt iſta ratione Reges coercere. Mos eſt primum paternè corrigere, deinde per cenſuram Eccleſiaſticam ſacramentorum communione privare. Denique ſubditos eorum à juramento fidelitatis abſolvere, eoſque dignitate atque authoritate regia privare: Executio ad alios pertinet.

The Adverſary alſo alledgeth *Leſſius* in his book *de Scientia & Jure*, he meaneth *de Juſtitia*. It ſeemeth the Man had heard of the book, but never ſeen it. But for that miſtake, his quotation is right *.

* *Leſſius de Juſtitia & Jure, lib.* 2. *cap.* 9. *dub.* 4.

Talis non poteſt à privatis interimi quamdiu manet Princeps, &c.

In that place ſpeaking of ſuch a King as is not a tyrant by uſurpation, but by adminiſtration, he ſaith, *Such a Prince cannot be ſlain by private perſons, as long as he remains a Prince.* Which is altogether againſt the ſecurity of Kings lives: For the Popes Decrees and the writings of the Jeſuites having ſo many times determined that a Prince depoſed by the Pope, is no more a Prince, but a private perſon; this goodly Aphoriſm of *Leſſius* expoſeth the lives of all Kings depoſed or excommunicated to the attempts of all private Men. * He alloweth alſo a ſubject *to kill his Prince in the defence of his own life*, contrary to the Evangelical precept of not reſiſting the higher powers. And that you may know him to be like his confreres in treaſonable doctrine; He concludes that queſtion thus: *If the tyranny groweth to that point, that it ſeem not to be tolerated any more, and that there be no remedy; He muſt firſt be depoſed by the Commonwealth, or the States of the Kingdom; or by another that hath authority; and declared an enemy, that it may be lawful to attempt any thing againſt his perſon.* What is that *other perſon* that hath authority over King, Commonwealth and States? It muſt be one that belongs not to the State, elſe he ſhould be a ſubject, and could not pretend to that authority of depoſing the King, and expoſing his life to all attempts. And what *other perſon* pretends to that authority, but the Pope?

* *Idem ibid. dub.* 11. Princeps non poteſt à ſubdito interfici niſi forte ob neceſſariam vitæ ſuæ defenſionem.

Dub. 12. Si tantum excreſcat tyrannis ut non videatur amplius tolerabilis, nec ullum aliud remedium ſuperſit, primum à Rep. vel comitiis regni vel alio habente authoritatem eſſe deponendum & hoſtem declarandum, ut in ipſius perſonam liceat quicquam attentare. Tunc enim deſinit eſſe Princeps.

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He alledgeth alſo *Azorius* in his Moral Inſtitution, but doth not quote any place. This is his doctrine, *All that were bound to an heretick in any manner, whether with oath or fidelity, or any other paction, Let them know that they are abſolved from all debt of fidelity or obedience,* &c. *The Pope may take away or give a King for juſt cauſes, and then the people may obey the Pope as their ſuperiour, who hath Sovereign power both upon the King and Kingdom.* If he hath ſovereign power over them, he hath power of life and death.

Azorius hiſt. Moral. part. 1. *lib.* 8. *cap.* 13. Eos omnes qui erant hæretico aliqua ratione obſtricti jurisjurandi ſeu fidelitatis ſeu alterius pactionis liberari—— Abſolutos ſe noverint à debito fidelitatis Domini, & totius obſequii quicunque lapſis manifeſto in hæreſin aliquo pacto quacunque firmitate tenebantur aſtricti.

Idem ibid. part. 2. *lib.* 11. *cap.* 5.— A Romano Pontifice Rex aufertur vel datur juſtis de cauſis & tunc populus tanquam ſuperiori Romano Pontifici parere debet—— Habet in Regem & regnum ſummam poteſtatem.

And whereas this Gentleman alledgeth *Gretzer* as one that confuteth all *Mariana*'s grounds, I find that he defends them all in that very place which he quoteth. *We are not ſuch daſtards* (ſaith he) *as to fear openly to affirm that the Pope of* Rome *may, if neceſſity ſo require, free his Catholick ſubjects from their oath of fidelity, if their Sovereign handle them tyrannically.* Yea he takes openly *Mariana*'s cauſe, ſaying, page 160. that *Mariana* is *wrongfully traduced, for writing that it is lawful to kill any Prince that diſobeyeth the Pope; ſince he maintains that a lawful Prince who diſobeyeth the Pope, notwithſtanding ought not to be made away by any private man, if ſentence be not pronounced*

Gretzer. Veſpertilio Hæreticopoliticus, pag. 159. Tam timidi & trepidi non ſimus ut aſſerere palam vereamur Romanum Pontificem poſſe, ſi neceſſitas exigat, ſubditos Catholicos ſolvere juramento fidelitatis, ſi Princeps tyrannice illos tractet.

against him. And he that must pronounce that Sentence is the Pope. He complaineth also that *Mariana* is unjustly accused for affirming that a tyrant ought to be poisoned; seeing he maintains the contrary; affirming *that a tyrant cannot lawfully be made away by poison, if himself take it, and apply it to himself. Which cannot be avoided, when his meat and drink is poisoned.* So in the end he agreeth with *Mariana*, whose words I have produced in my second Chapter, and is content that a tyrant be poisoned, so that he takes not the poison himself. Is not that *straining the gnat, and swallowing the camel*? These holy murtherers make nothing of killing a King, only they are scrupulous about the circumstance.

Idem, pag. 162. Ne tyrannum quidem primi vel secundi generis etiam post judiciariam contra illum latam sententiam veneno licite tollis, si Tyrannus ipsemet venenum illud sumere & sibi applicare debeat.

Thus I have shewed what those Jesuites say, which this Gentleman alledgeth: All but *Serarius* and *Richeome*, which I have not by me, no more than he that quoteth them. And I have made it plain, that they all consent with *Mariana*, and speak the same Language.

But what! he tells us that the opinion of *Mariana* was condemned by a Provincial Congregation of the Jesuites; and that condemnation ratified by the General of the Jesuites *Claudius Aquaviva*. So it was, with shame enough, to *Aquaviva* and his confreres, who had approved and licensed it before. But see what that condemnation comes to, the Jesuites seeing their Sect made odious by the writings of *Mariana, Suarez, Vasquez*, and others, and more by the murthering of Kings,

Kings, by perſons dyed with their principles, made an order among themſelves, whereby they forbad to write or teach that doctrine any more. The words of the Ratification are theſe, *That none teach by writing or ſpeaking, that it is lawful for any perſon, or upon any pretence of Tyranny, to kill Kings and Princes.*

Ne quiſquam ſcripto vel ſermone doceat licitum eſſe cuicunque perſonæ, quocunq; prætextu tyrannidis Reges aut Principes occidere.

Was it not time, think ye, to forbid teaching ſo any more, when they had been expelled for it out of *France*, and made the objects of the publick execration? But how groſs is their fraud in that order! Do they forbid their Society *to believe ſo*? By no means, but to teach ſo. Neither will they have it lawful for *any perſon* to kill Kings, but to ſuch as are commiſſioned for it. Neither will they have the execution done *upon any pretence of tyranny*, but only upon the definitive Sentence of the Pope or the States. And how are the lives of Kings and Princes more ſecure than before by their declaring that it is not lawful to kill Kings and Princes, ſeeing that in their account they are no more Kings and Princes, when they are once excommunicated and depoſed by the Pope?

The Adverſary alledgeth alſo the Council of *Conſtance*, which condemneth the doctrine of killing tyrants as erroneous. But if this Gentleman be a true Papiſt, and hold that the Pope is above the Council, he ſhall make nothing of that Councils Authority, ſeeing that it is not liked by the Popes; for we learn of *Mariana*, that neither *Martin* the V.

Mariana lib. 2. caſ. 6. p. 62. Id decretum Romano Pontifici Martino V. probatum non invenio, non Eugenio aut ſucceſſoribus quorum conſenſu Conciliorum Eccleſiaſticorum ſanctitas ſtat, præſertim quod non ſine Eccleſiæ motu tricipiti Pontificum diſſidio de ſummo Pontificatu contendentium celebratum fuiſſe ſcimus.

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then elected, nor *Eugenius* nor his Successors approve it, and he disgraceth it as assembled in a tumultuous time, when there were three Popes reigning together.

But the truth is, That the Decree of that Council is rather against the safety of Kings. For the case propounded to the Council by *Gerson*, was not about the murther of Sovereign Princes, but about the killing of a great Officer of the Crown who ruleth tyrannically, and exalts himself above his King: for *John* Duke of *Burgundy* who had killed *Lewis* Duke of *Orleans*, pretended him to have been a Tyrant in that kind. If then such Tyrants be declared inviolable persons by the Council, the Council by its authority guards them against the attempts of loyal subjects, and strengthneth them against their King.

Suarez goeth another way to work to elude the authority of that Decree, saying to our Most Excellent King *James*, That the Council of *Constance* forbids not the killing of a King excommunicated by the Pope; for indeed that was not the case agitated in the Council.

Suarez in Reg. Mag. Brit. lib. 6. cap. 4. sect 20.
Ubi leget Rex in Concilio Constantiensi particulam illam, Principis per Papam excommunicati vel deprivati? Aut illam, per suos subditos, aut alios quoscunque?

And now we are upon *Suarez*, we will set down here one of his golden sentences to this purpose. *If* (saith he) *under the word of Excommunication you comprehend deposition and devesting a Prince of his right, which sometimes is done by a canonical sentence, then there is truth in that proposition, that a King excommunicated may be deposed or slain by any persons whatsoever impunedly.*

Ejusdem lib. cap. 6. sect. 24.
Si sub voce excommunicationis comprehendatur depositio & diffidatio quæ per sententiam canonicam interdum fit, sic veritatem continere illam propositionem, Regem excommunicatum impune deponi vel occidi quibuscunque posse.

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The Adverſary concludeth his juſtification of the Jeſuites, by alledging the Decree of *Sorbon* againſt the doctrine of King killing, and the Arreſt of the Parliament of *Paris* againſt the book of *Mariana*. What ſtyle muſt be given to this Man's confidence? Could he preſume ſo much upon the Readers ignorance, as to bring that for the Jeſuites which is moſt againſt them? Who knows not that the Decree of *Sorbon* was directly made againſt the Jeſuites, as the aſſertors of the doctrine of King-killing? Who knows not that the Arreſt of Parliament which condemneth *Mariana*'s book to the fire, blaſteth expreſly the doctrine and the ſect of the Jeſuites? If he ſay that he brings that to clear the Roman Religion, he changeth the queſtion, for he had undertaken to defend the Jeſuites. And theſe allegations are for us, who deſire to ſhew to the World, that many Profeſſors of the Roman Religion abhor theſe principles, overcome by the evidence of honeſt truth; and therefore are not true Papiſts, ſince their belief is not ruled by the *Head of the Roman Faith* in the point which moſt nearly concerneth his power and grandeur. This Gentleman might be aſhamed to alledge the *Sorbon*, if he knoweth what Decree was made by them, *Apr.* 4. 1626. againſt the book of the Jeſuite *Santarel*, and the Jeſuitical doctrine of King-killing: A Decree confirmed the 8. of *May* following by the Univerſity of *Paris*.

After theſe Allegations wherewith this Gentleman cuts the throat of his cauſe with his own ſword, Judge ye what reaſon he hath to cry up, *By this time I hope the tempeſt is pretty well laid.* But he muſt have a little more of that tempeſt about his ears: And having ſo marred Page 96.

marred his own market, and given me occasion to lay open the iniquity of his sect, he must labour once more to *satisfie divers of his good friends whom he hath found scandalized at the Fathers of the Society, for protecting so villanous and treasonable a Thesis.* Ibid.

If now I bring upon the scaffold some more of their most notorious expressions and actions, they may not blame me, as I do them, for charging the whole party with the faults of particulars: For whereas this Gentleman chargeth the generality of the Protestants with the opinions of *Knox* and *Paræus*, I charge not all the Roman Catholicks with these villanous doctrines and actions, but only the Court of *Rome*, and the Jesuites. These two I put together, for all that the Jesuites have taught or done to promote Rebellion and high Treason was undertaken to advance the Court of *Rome*, and by a particular influence from that Court, whose especial favourites and most devoted champions they are.

Since this Gentleman stands upon the sentence of the Court of Parliament of *Paris*, let him hear that great man *Achilles de Harlay*, the first President of that Venerable Court; who, when King *Henry* the IV. of *France*, after long solicitations of the Court of *Rome*, was perswaded to recal the Jesuites banished before out of the Kingdom, made an Oration to disswade him from it. That Oration is related by *Thuanus* another President of that Court, who was then present. There that vertuous *Achilles* represents to the King the doctrine of the Jesuites, which is, *That the Pope hath that right to put Kings out of the communion of the Church; that an excommunicate*

Thuanus Hist. lib. 130. *ad ann.* 1604. *Jesuitæ docent*, Pontificem jus habere Reges extra communionem Ecclesiæ po-

communicate King is a tyrant, and that his ſubjects may impunedly riſe againſt him. That every one of thoſe that have but one of the leaſt Orders of the Church, cannot be guilty of Treaſon, what crime ſoever he commit; becauſe Clergy-men are no more the Kings ſubjects, nor under his juriſdiction: So that Eccleſiaſtick perſons are by their doctrine exempted from the ſecular powers, and may impunedly fall upon their Kings with their ſanguinary hands. This they affirm in their publiſhed books.

nendi; excommunicatum Regem tyrannum eſſe, & ſubditos impune contra eum inſurgere. Ipſorum unumquemque qui vel minoribus Eccleſiæ Ordinibus ſit initiatus quodcunque crimen admiſerit in læſæ Majeſtatis crimen non poſſe incidere, quippe qui minime ſint amplius Regis ſubditi nec juriſdictioni ejus ſubjecti. Ita Eccleſiaſticos per eorum doctrinam à ſeculari poteſtate eximi, & Manus cruentas licere impune Regibus ſacro-ſanctis afferre. Hoc eos libris editis aſſerere.

That grave Judge ſpake that upon good ground; for the books of the Jeſuites inſiſt much upon the exemption of Clerks from Temporal Juriſdictions. Whence the Jeſuite *Emanuel Sa* draweth this concluſion, *That the Rebellion of a Clergy-man againſt the Prince, is not Treaſon, becauſe he is not the Princes ſubject.* Which words are omitted in the Edition of *Paris*, but they remain in that of *Collen*, and in that of *Antwerp*. For that reaſon *Bellarmine* finds great fault with thoſe that ſlew the Monk who had murdered *Henry* the III. of *France*, (as I alledged before) becauſe they had ſlain *ſacratum virum, a conſecrated man.* A more ſacred Man in his opinion, and more inviolable than the Sacred Majeſty of a King. The murder of that great Prince, the Venerable *Harlay* repreſented unto the King, and how it was exalted as a holy Act by the Jeſuite *Guignard*, who had writ a book in the commendation of the murtherer. And puts his Majeſty in mind of the Attempt made upon

Emanuel Sa in Aphoriſmis tit. Clericus.

Rebellio Clerici adverſus Principem, non eſt crimen læſæ Majeſtatis, quia Principi non eſt ſubditus.

Thuanus, ibid.

his person by *Peter Barriere* suborned by the Jesuite *Varade*.

He might also have put him in mind of *John Chastel* a
Thuanus. Scholar of the Jesuites, who hit him in the mouth, and struck out one of his teeth, intending to have cut his throat. In his examination he confess'd that he being guilty of a great crime, was kept prisoner by the Jesuites in the chamber of Meditations, where after they had long terrified his soul, they propounded to him a way to lessen his torments in Hell which he had deserved by his crimes; and that was to kill the King, which the miserable youth promised and attempted.

Upon this the Colledge of the Jesuites was searched, and many persons seized on, among which was found a book in the praise of *James Clement* the murtherer of *Henry* the III. written by the Jesuite *Guignard*, as himself confess'd, containing many arguments and reasons to prove that it was lawful and just to kill *Henry* the III. together with many inductions and incitements to make away his Successor, who was *Henry* the IV. then reigning. The Theams given to young Scholars, were found to be about killing of Tyrants, with praises of the attempt, and exhortations to it. And it was found, that after that *Paris* was reduced to the Kings obedience, the Masters of the Forms had forbidden their scholars to pray for the King.

The year before, *Barriere* being examined, had confess'd that the Jesuite *Varade*, Rector of the Colledge of the Jesuites, had incited and adjured him upon the Sacrament of Confession, and the Communion
Thuanus. of the Lords Body, to kill the King; assuring him, that if

if he ſuffered for it, he ſhould obtain the Crown of Martyrdom. Upon all theſe evidences the Jeſuites were expelled out of *France* by Arreſt of the Court of Parliament, and a Pyramid erected with inſcriptions declaring their expulſion and the cauſes of it, for a memorial of perpetual execration to poſterity.

Upon that Pyramid the Jeſuites were called Homines novæ & maleficæ ſuperſtitionis, qui Remp. turbabant, quorum inſtinctu piacularis adoleſcens dirum facinus inſtituerat.

Ten years after, they returned from their exile, the ſame Men, corrupting the youth, and working rebellion; till in the end they got what they would have, even the Kings heart, which they keep in their principal houſe *la Fleſche*, after he had been ſtabbed by *Ravaillac*, a wretch, who in his examination and confeſſion ſhewed ſufficiently by whoſe inſtructions he was perſwaded to that parricidial act, for he gave this reaſon why he did it, becauſe the King would make War unto God, in as much as he prepared War againſt the Pope, and that the Pope was God, which is the plain doctrine of the Jeſuites. And being inquired whether he had ever confeſs'd his deſign to any, he named the Jeſuite *Aubigny*, and that he had ſhewed him the Knife: Which when *Aubigny* denied, *Ravaillac* maintained it to him before his Judges.

King James *defence of the right of Kings.*

To favour the deſign of killing that great King, and prepare the World for it, four Moneths before he was murdered, the Arreſt of the Court of Parliament of *Paris* againſt *John Chaſtel*, who had attempted to murder him, was cenſured and forbidden to be read by an Act of the Conſiſtory at *Rome*, and together the Hiſtory of *Thuanus* for relating too plainly that horrid action, and

Note this.

the part which the Jeſuites had in it. By the ſame Conſiſtorial Act a Book of *Mariana* was cenſured; not that which approveth the murthering of Kings. The Court of *Rome* was not ſo unkind as to diſgrace a work which doth their work; but another Book which treats of Coyns. Certainly had they diſliked that notorious Book condemned to the fire by the Court of Parliament of *Paris*, they would not have forgotten to cenſure it while they were in hand with *Mariana*.

As ſoon as *Henry* the IV. was ſtricken, the Colledge of the Jeſuites was environed with a Guard, the Magiſtrate and the People looking upon them as the Doctors and Contrivers of high Treaſon. And preſently they were ſued by the Univerſity of *Paris*, as corrupters of the youth, and teachers of treaſonable doctrine. *Peter Marteliere* a famous Advocate pleaded for the Univerſity, and maintained that in the Confeſſion of *Ravaillac* evident marks were found of the Doctrine of the Jeſuites. The Jeſuites were caſt, and commanded to ſhut up their Colledge, and not to teach Scholars any more. The Kings Council required their expulſion, but they had friends about the Queen Regent, and were ſuffered to ſtay; and in time recovered alſo the liberty to teach.

Thuanus Hiſt. lib. 123. ad an. 1604.

Five years before that Kings death, it was a famous Hiſtory how Father *Cotton* a Jeſuite and his Confeſſor had written in a paper ſome queſtions which he had propounded to a Maid, who was ſaid to be poſſeſſed with a Devil who told ſtrange things. Among other things about which he would be reſolved, theſe were ſome, *What ſhould be the iſſue of the converſion of Monſieur*

eur de Laval, *and of the enterpriſes againſt* Geneva, *and the continuance of Hereſie, and of the eſtate of* Madamoiſelle Acarie, *and of the life of the King.* Which laſt queſtion is a matter capital by the Laws, for which *Tertullian* giveth the ſame reaſon that an Engliſh Lawyer would give, becauſe it is imagining the Kings death. This Paper he had laid in a Book which he had promiſed to Monſieur *Gillot* a Councellor of the Great Chamber, and through over-ſight he gave that Paper with the Book.

Tertul. Apologet.

Qui de ſalute Principis vel ſumma Reip. Mathematicos, ariolos, aruſpices, Vaticinatores conſulit, cum eo qui reſponderit capite punitur. Cui autem opus eſt ſcrutari ſuper Cæſaris ſalute niſi à quo adverſus illum aliquid cogitatur, aut poſt illam ſperatur & ſuſtinetur?

Two years after this Monſieur *de la Force*, Vice-Roy of *Bearn* and *Navarre*, by the intelligences which he had from *Spain*, by reaſon of his neighbourhood unto it, was advertiſed that a *Spaniard* of ſuch a ſtature, of ſuch a hair, and in ſuch apparel, departed ſuch a day from *Barcelona*, to go into *France* with intendment to make away the King by poiſon or other means. This Spaniard came to *Paris*, and addreſs'd himſelf to Father *Cotton*, who brought him unto the King, and gave great commendations of him. A while after came the Letters of Monſieur *de la Force*, giving warning to his Majeſty againſt that Spaniard, with the foreſaid deſcription. The King ſhewed the Letters to Father *Cotton*, and commanded him to bring back again that Spaniard. But *Cotton* returning a good while after, told the King that he could not find the Man, and that he was gone.

Not a year before the Kings death, *Cotton* writ unto a Provincial of *Spain*, divers things which the King had

had revealed unto him in confeſſion: Which treachery being diſcovered, *Cotton* was in diſgrace for ſix Moneths, and then was forgiven. But he did not forgive the King, who was ſtabbed ſoon after. A few days after the young King being importuned by him, put him off with this gird, *I will tell you nothing, for you will write it into* Spain, *as you did my Fathers Confeſſion.*

Half a year after the Kings death the Court of Parliament ſeeing evidently, that the murther of the King, and that of his next Predeceſſor, were the productions of the doctrine of the Jeſuites, condemned the Book of *Bellarmine* againſt *Barklay*, as *containing a falſe and execrable propoſition, which tends to the overthrowing of the Powers ordained and eſtabliſhed by God, inciting Subjects to rebellion, and withdrawing them from the authority of Princes, to plot againſt their Lives and Kingdoms, and trouble the publick peace and tranquillity.*

Santarellus de Hæreſi & Schiſmate.

I have ſpoken before of the Decree of the Theological Faculty of *Paris*, againſt the Book of the Jeſuite *Santarel*, confirmed by the judgment of the Univerſity in *May*, 1626. The ſame Book had been condemned by the Court of Parliament of *Paris*, *Martii* 13. of the ſame year to be burnt. And becauſe the Book was Printed at *Rome* by permiſſion of the Superiours, and with the approbation of *Mutius Vitelescus* General of the Jeſuites, and Maſter of the Sacred Palace, the Jeſuites of *Paris* were ſent for by the Court and demanded, *Whereas their General had approved that Book, and declared his opinion, that the contents of it were certain and good, whether they believed as he did.* They anſwered, that *Since their General lived at* Rome, *he could*

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not but approve that which the Court of Rome *approveth. What do you believe* then? ſaid the Court; *The clean contrary,* ſaid the Jeſuites. *And what ſhould ye do if you were at* Rome? *As they do at* Rome, ſaid they. To which ſome of the Court anſwered, *What then! Have theſe men one conſcience at* Rome, *and another at* Paris? *God keep us from ſuch Confeſſors.*

The ſame Court ſent for Father *Cotton*, and commanded him to confute the Book of *Santarell*. *Cotton* being put to a ſad *dilemma*, either to offend the Pope his Maſter, and his General and the whole Society; or to anſwer an Indictment of high Treaſon, freed himſelf by a ſudden death, being in perfect health before; or ſome of his Society took that pains for him. It ſeems that the Court was more peremptory with him, than King *Henry* the IV. who ſhewed him once that Book of *Mariana*, which ſince was condemned to the fire, and commanded him to confute it. But he gave ſome ill excuſe to the King, who preſs'd him no further about it.

About the ſame time that this great Prince was ſlain by the faction of the Jeſuites, the Prince of *Tranſylvania* was in the ſame danger by them. So much is certified by Letters of the Baron of *Zerotin*, *May* 2. 1610. that a Jeſuite perſwaded a Lord of *Tranſylvania* in whoſe houſe he lived, to kill the Prince. But the Prince having diſcovered the Plot, killed the Conſpirators, and the Jeſuite the Author of the conſpiracy.

This Jeſuite was taken tardy, and had not the luck of many of his Confreres, who frame the plots, and look ſtanding out of the reach of the blows, the acting of the deſperate attempts upon which they have caſt others.

others. Yet there was a Scottish Jesuite of the Colledge of *Clermont* in *Paris*, his name *Alexander Hayes*, who was so zealous, as to wish openly, and that often, that King *Henry* the IV. would pass by his Colledge, that he might throw himself down upon him from the window and break his neck. But by that cross caper he might be sure to break his own. For these words, and for teaching openly, that it was good to dissemble and perform obedience in shew for a while, he was condemned by Sentence of the Court to perpetual banishment, and (if ever he returned) to be hanged without any other form of arraignment.

Now if from their feats in foreign Countries, we look to their doings in *England*, what troubles they have stirred, and what mischiefs they have plotted continually against this State, now above a hundred years, We are at a loss in that prodigious heap of iniquity. They have afforded matter to large Volumes of History, and the labour of the worthy writers, need not to be seconded by mine. And when the Jesuite *Eudemono-Johannes* in his Apologetick for *Garnet*, would excuse or deny the treasons wrought under the pretence of a Catholick zeal, the truth of them was asserted by the R. Reverend and Learned *Robert Abbot Bishop of Salisbury*, out of the publick Acts and Records of Courts, and out of the very books of Adversaries, *Bluet* and *Watson*. How many attempts were made against the life of the Blessed Queen *Elizabeth*? And in what treason was there a Jesuite wanting? *Parry, Cullen, Williams, York, Squire, Hesket, Lopez, Babington*, with his associates, and how many more? All were assisted

In his *Anzilogia*.

aſſiſted and prompted by Jeſuites, as the judicial examinations will juſtifie.

And now we ſpeak of *Babington* and his aſſociates, I find two brothers *Bellamy*'s, both apprehended for hiding them, after they were openly proclaimed traitors, in their houſe near *Harrowhill*, where they were kept ten days, and clothed in ruſtical habits. There they were all taken and thence carried to Priſon, where one of the *Bellamies* ſtrangled himſelf, the other was executed with the conſpirators; his name *Hierome Bellamy*. From which of the two brothers our Adverſary *Thomas Bellamy* is deſcended, and whether from either or neither, himſelf beſt knows. But it ſeems by his behaviour, that the crime of *hiding and diſguiſing traitors* runs in the bloud: For what is his covering of the parricidial doctrine of Jeſuites with falſe conſtructions, but *hiding and diſguiſing traitors*; whoſe doctrine is declared treaſonable by ſundry Acts of Parliament? Let him take warning by the crime and the ill ſucceſs of theſe Men of his name, and apply to himſelf that Sentence of *Tully*, which he miſapplieth to the Proteſtants of Integrity. *Miror te Antoni quorum facta imitere eorum exitus non pertimeſcere.* Since you imitate the actions of Men of your name, Sir *Bellamy*, I wonder you are not frighted, with thinking of their ends.

The Devil and the Jeſuites having been ſo often diſappointed of their attempts againſt *England*, in the end contrived the fouleſt plot that ingenious cruelty did in any age imagine; the Gunpowder-Treaſon, which ſhall be to the Worlds end, the wonder of ſuc-

ceeding ages, and the ſhame of ours. This was the godly product of the Engliſh Seminaries abroad, and the Roman education. It is eaſie to judge that the plotters of it had been bred long in another Climate than the mild air of *England*; for it looks like one of the feats of *Cæſar Borgia*. *Non noſtri generis monſtrum nec ſanguinis.* Of that attempt to cut off King and Kingdom with one blow, none could be capable, but ſuch as had many years breathed the ſame air where he reigned, who wiſhed that the Romans had but one neck, that he might cut it off with one ſtroke. But a Jeſuite is capable of deviſing, and the Romiſh zeal of executing any miſchief, though never ſo prodigious, to promote the Papal intereſt. And they have law for it, even the Roman Decree, the Oracle of the Pope himſelf. *We do not account them for murtherers* (ſaith his Holineſs) *who burning with the Zeal of our Catholick Mother the Church againſt excommunicate perſons, ſhall happen to kill ſome of them.* Now *England* was lying under many excommunications, when the Gunpowder-Treaſon was plotted, and lieth under them ſtill, for they never were repealed.

Cauſa 23. *q.* 5. *Can. Excommunicatorum.* Non enim eos homicidas arbitramur quos adverſus excommunicatos zelo Catholicæ Matris Eccleſiæ ardentes aliquos eorum trucidaſſe contigerit.

Truly ſo far we muſt excuſe *Campian*, *Garnet*, *Hall*, *Hamond*, and other Jeſuites, who have plotted or incouraged rebellions and treaſons in *England*. They have done no more than they were commanded or allowed by the Pope. And here I muſt be a ſuitor to all the conſcionable Roman Catholicks, who abhor theſe wicked ways, to acknowledge ingenuouſly that the

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Actors were grounded upon the fundamental Laws of the Court of *Rome*. And that the Pope the Head of their Faith, is he that commands by his Canons and Bulls the ſlaughter of thoſe that diſpleaſe him, the breach of faith, the depoſing of Kings, and the rebellion of the People, as I have ſufficiently demonſtrated before. If after that they adhere to the other points of the Roman Religion, upon this main ground of the Roman Faith, That *the Pope cannot erre*, they blind themſelves wilfully, and building their faith upon an unſafe ground, they may come ſhort of the end of their faith, the ſalvation of their ſouls.

This power of depoſing Kings, and expoſing them to the attempts of their enemies, ſo peremptorily aſſumed by the Pope, and ſo boldly executed by his zealous Agents, ought to be grounded upon ſome proof out of holy Writ. In all the paſſages which I have alledged out of Jeſuites books, I find but two of thoſe proofs.

The one of *Bellarmine*, who proveth that *the King of* England *is ſubject unto the Pope by a right common to all Chriſtians, by reaſon of the Apoſtolick power; according to this Text*, Pſal. 44. *Thou ſhalt make them Princes over all the earth.* In that Pſalm, which with us is the 45. this promiſe is made to the Kings Spouſe, which is the Church, the Spouſe of Chriſt our King; *Inſtead of thy Fathers houſe ſhall be thy children, whom thou mayeſt make Princes over all the earth.* Anſwerably to that we learn, *Rev.* 1. 6. That *God hath made us Kings and Prieſts unto God our Father.* That bleſſing then (to be underſtood and fulfilled in Gods good time) belongs to all the true

Bellarm. lib. cui Titulus *Tortus*, p. 19.

Rex Anglorum ſubjectus eſt Papæ jure omnibus Chriſtianis communi, ratione Apoſtolicæ poteſtatis juxta illud Pſ. 44. Conſtitues eos Principes ſuper omnem terram.

children of the Church. The ingrossing of it to the Pope alone, to the exclusion of all Christians, is a bold, and indeed a ridiculous incloſing of Commons without any warrant.

Suarez brings a proof of the like validity. After that horrid assertion alledged before, that after that a Prince is excommunicated, he may be dispossess'd or slain by any persons whatsoever: He prevents the objection out of *Rom.* 13. 1. *Let every soul be subject to the higher Powers*, and saith that the Apostle *never added, Let all be subject also to the Powers excommunicated and deprived by the Pope.* A recreative proof which would make but a poor *enthymema.* The Apostle addeth not, that we must be subject also to the higher Powers deprived by the Turk; *Ergo* if the Great Turk pronounce a sentence of deprivation against a Christian Prince, the Subjects of that Prince are free from their allegiance, and may dispossess and kill him when they think good.

Suarez adversus sect. Anglic. lib. 6. c. 6. sect. 24.

Paulus his verbis Omnis anima potestatibus sublimioribus subdita sit Rom. 13. nunquam addidit, etiam potestatibus excommunicatis vel deprivatis à Papa omnes subditi sint.

But what! These proofs are as concluding as those that the Popes themselves bring to prove their power, as when Pope *Nicholas* the I. proveth the Papal power, because it was said to Saint *Peter, Kill and eat*; and because *to him alone was granted that power to draw a Net full of Fishes to Land.*

Nicholaus 1. Epist. ad Michael. Imp. Constant.

Petro specialiter ostensum est ut ea mactaret & manducaret: Illi soli jussum est ut rete plenum piscibus ad littus traheret.

Likewise *Bonifacius* the VIII. proveth his primacy and Sovereignty, because it is written, that in the beginning God created Heaven and Earth. *Joseph's* Coat of many colours, and the Head of *Holofernes* would have been as pertinent to prove the Popes Temporal and

Bonifac. VIII. Extravag. Unam Sanctam.

and Spiritual power. Yet ſee how reſolutely and ſyllogiſtically his Holineſs concludes upon thoſe premiſſes; *Wherefore we declare, ſay, define, and pronounce, that it is of neceſſity of ſalvation to be ſubject to the Roman Prelate.*

After theſe ſcientifical proofs of the Popes power to diſpoſe of the Crowns and Lives of Princes, Who ſhould make any more doubt of it! Who would not in the ſtrength of theſe reaſons venture his life to dethrone Heretick Kings, and ſpill their hearts bloud for a ſacrifice of ſweet ſavour unto his Holineſs!

CHAP. VI.

Some Aſſertions of the Libeller are examined.

After I have vindicated the Proteſtant Religion from the aſperſion of Rebellion, and laid that charge in its proper place, I have done my main buſineſs. And now partly out of compaſſion, partly out of contempt, I will paſs by moſt of the untruths of this Libeller, which are well nigh as many as his lines, contenting my ſelf to have diſproved two of them. The one, *That the Rebel-doctrines are back'd by the generality of them that call themſelves Proteſtants.* Page 109. But I have proved the contrary by their publick Confeſſions.

This plain dealing of his is towards the latter end of his Book: He durſt not have ſpoken ſo in the beginning. But he muſt amuſe the Reader a great while with railing againſt the Presbyterians, or the Proteſtants of Integrity,

tegrity, before he charge the generality of the Proteſtants with rebellion. Beſides, he might hope that few would have the patience to read his Book ſo far.

This is worſe. *In this Century of years* (ſaith he) *there have been more Princes depoſed and murthered for their Religion by theſe Proteſtants of Integrity, than have been in all the others ſince Chriſt's time by the Popes excommunications, or the attempts and means of the Roman Catholicks.*

It is not eaſie to determine whether malice or ignorance be prevalent in that aſſertion. I have ſhewed by unreproachable teſtimonies, that the Popes have filled Chriſtendom with ſedition and rebellion for many centuries of years; and what the Jeſuites have been acting under them in this laſt Century. To which ſince the Libeller confines himſelf, it had been no hard task to name thoſe many Kings depoſed and murthered by the Proteſtants ſo lately, if the aſſertion had any truth in it.

When did a Proteſtant Miniſter thruſt his Kniſe into his Sovereign's Body, as the Monk *James Clement* did to his King *Henry* the III. and as the Jeſuite *Campian* would have done to his Sovereign Queen *Elizabeth*? When did a Miniſter inſtruct any to kill his King, as the Jeſuites did *Parry*; the Jeſuite *Walpole, Edward Squire*; the Jeſuite *Holt, Patrick, Cullen, York,* and *Williams*; the Jeſuite *Parſons, Hesket* to tempt the Earl of *Darby* to rebellion? Or as the Jeſuite *Varade* inſtructed *Barriere* to kill *Henry* the IV. of *France,* and the whole Colledge of the Jeſuites *John Chaſtell:* Or what Proteſtant, either of the Clergy or Laity was known to have made

made an attempt againſt the life of his Sovereign? For the late Engliſh Traitors who brought their moſt excellent Sovereign to the Scaffold, are no more Proteſtants than they are Papiſts, and are Jeſuites in the point of obedience, as being acted by the Jeſuites.

When this Libeller called the Miniſters of *Scotland rare Saltpeter-men, fit for fire-works, and to prepare matter to blow up both Church and State,* Did he remember that he gave them the right ſtyle belonging to the Jeſuites *Garnet, Hall, Hammond, Gerard* and *Greenville*? For theſe were *Saltpeter-men* with a witneſs; and without metaphor, *prepared matter to blow up Church and State.*

Was it ever put to the charge of a Proteſtant Divine, Chaplain to his Prince, that he recommended to him a Man ſent by his enemies to make him away? Or that he made queſtions to the Devil about his life? Or that he ſent word to his enemies of ſuch things as he had revealed unto him to eaſe his Conſcience, as the Jeſuite *Cotton* did? Or did ever our Divines blow the Doctrine of King-killing into ignorant ſouls, as the Jeſuites did to *Ravaillac*; who being moſt rude, and a very Brute in all other points of Religion, was found by his examiners exquiſitely skilful in all the evaſions and diſtinctions of the Jeſuites about that horrible doctrine? Or did any convicted Traitor depoſe that he had declared his purpoſe to a Miniſter, and ſhewed him the Knife for the execution, as *Ravaillac* maintained to Father *Aubigny* before his Judges? Some ſuch charges which might be juſtified by Records of Courts, and Judicial proceedings, this Accuſer would have brought, if there had

had been any; and we are ſure that he would not have ſpared us. If ever any Man deſerved to be ſued upon an Action of Slander, it is this Libeller; for thus ſlandering the generality of the Proteſtants, and the State, of which he is a Subject. But I fear that if a Purſuivant were ſent for him, he would return and anſwer, *Non eſt inventus.*

Page 110. As for his ſaying, That *the doctrine of* Rome, *with the opinions and practices of all its Doctors, are (as he hath ſhewed) quite contrary to rebellion, and all that is ſaid againſt that Church in this particular is meer calumny.* Let the World judge whether he hath ſhewed what he ſaith, and whether is more credible, his ſaying, or my proving. Yet becauſe he ſtands for the Roman Church, I deſire my Reader to take notice, that in this point of obedience my quarrel hath been with the Court, not with the Church of *Rome*; between which I conceive as much difference, as between the Wind and the Sea. The Church might be quiet enough from ſtorms of rebellion, did not the boiſterous Wind of ſedition make it foam, blown from the Court of *Rome* by its agents the Jeſuites.

After that the Libeller had railed againſt us, he falls upon a common place of loyalty, and brings ſome texts of S. *Auſtin*, taken out of Proteſtant books made by our Reverend Divines againſt the late Rebels. For that he is not acquainted with S. *Auſtin*, he ſhews it by the commendation he giveth him, calling him *the moſt an-*
Page 119. *cient and learned Father of the Chriſtian Church.* S. *Auſtin* deſerveth a better commendation, but he is neither the moſt ancient, nor the moſt learned of the Fathers.

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Moſt of thoſe whom the Church calls Fathers, were before him, for he died in the fifth Century; And as for Learning, *Origen* and *Hierome* were far beyond him. Could the Engliſh Seminaries pitch upon no abler Champion to fight againſt us than this raw ſouldier? A more paſſionate and leſs reaſonable Writer I never met with. His ſtyle is a perpetual barking, and biting too, but without teeth. I could lay up a great heap of his untruths, ignorances, and impertinencies, if I would make ſuch a wilde-gooſe-chaſe as to follow him in all his falſe turns: But both my Readers and I have better buſineſſes than to heap up dung, or ſearch all the Impoſtures of a Novice of the Jeſuites.

For the end, he brings ſome rules of Law concerning the nature of the Engliſh Monarchy; which if he had ſtudied well, he had never taken upon him to defend the doctrine of the Jeſuites, which is inconſiſtent with them: For they allow not that which he affirmeth; *That the Monarchy of* England *can do no homage, having no ſuperiour; and that the Crown of* England *is independent, and his* jura Regalia *are holden of no Lord but the Lord of Heaven. Bellarmine* ſaith the clean contrary, and makes the Pope Sovereign of *England* by double right, as we heard before. Yet this Scholar of the Jeſuites may give *Bellarmines* ſenſe to that aſſertion, that the Crown of *England* is independent; for holding with his Maſters, that the Crown of *England* belongeth to the Pope, he will ſay alſo that it is independent, and oweth homage to none but God; meaning, that the Pope, the right Sovereign, oweth homage for it to none but God. The Man being evidently a Scholar of

the Jeſuites, cannot but be inſtructed in the doctrine of equivocations, about which *Tolet* gives large inſtructions in his book of *the Inſtruction of Prieſts*, ſaying expreſly, That *it is lawful ſometimes to uſe equivocations, & to deceive the hearer.* And *Sanchez* tells us in what caſe it is lawful to equivocate: *There is a juſt cauſe* (ſaith he) *to uſe theſe equivocations, whenſoever it is neceſſary or uſeful for the preſervation of body, honour or eſtate.*

Tolet, lib. 4. Inſtruct. Sacerd. cap. 21. Aliquando uti licet æquivocatione, & decipere audientem, ut cum Judex petit juramentum ab aliquo ut dicat crimen vel proprium vel alienum ſi omnino eſt occultum, & jurare cogatur, utatur æquivocatione puta. Neſcio, intelligendo intra ſe, ut dicam tibi vel ſimile. Et *lib. 5. c. 38. & lib. 4. c. 21, 22.*

Sanch. oper. Mor. l. 3. c. 6. num. 19. Cauſa jure utendi his amphibologiis eſt, quoties id neceſſarium aut utile eſt ad ſalutem corporis, honorem, res familiares tuendas.

Since then the Sect and Religion of the Jeſuites, which ſubjecteth the Crown of *England* unto the Pope, cannot ſubſiſt in *England* without palliating that criminal doctrine with equivocation: They find it neceſſary for the preſervation of body, honor and eſtate, to profeſs that *the Monarchy of* England *can do no homage, having no ſuperiour*; *and that the Crown of* England *is independent*: but to whom that independent Crown belongs, that they will reſerve in their thoughts. Or if they ſay they will be true to the King, they will by the King underſtand the Pope, or the King of *Spain*, to whom the Pope gave the Kingdom of *England* fourſcore years ago, and never recalled that gift ſince.

Wherefore if this Gentleman appear in Print again, or any of his confreres for him about this point of obedience, we muſt deſire him to ſpeak more home, before he can juſtifie himſelf to be a true *Philanax Anglicus*, and a good Engliſh ſubject of his Majeſty. To that end let him declare that he acknowledgeth the following Articles

Articles as true and juſt, and is ready to ſubſcribe unto them.

The Kings Moſt Excellent Majeſty *Charles* the *II.* hath no ſuperiour on Earth, *de jure*, in the Kingdoms of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, and other His Majeſties Dominions. I.

All Roman Catholicks born in theſe His Majeſties Dominions, are his ſubjects, *de jure*, and of none elſe, although they have taken the Orders of the Church of *Rome*, or have a General of ſome Religion to whom they have ſworn obedience. II.

The Doctrine of Cardinal *Bellarmine* is falſe, that the King of *England* is ſubject to the Pope by double right, beſides his pretended ſubjection in matters ſpiritual. III.

The Pope hath no power to deprive Kings of their Kingdoms, or any way to diſpoſe of their Crowns or their Lives. IV.

The Pope cannot abſolve the ſubjects of His Majeſty King *Charles* the *II.* or of any of His Succeſſors, from the Oath of their Allegiance. Neither are they now abſolved from it by any precedent Decree from the Popes. V.

A King declared heretick or excommunicate by the Pope, is not thereby diſabled from exerciſing his Kingly juriſdiction. VI.

VII. The excommunicating or depriving of a King by the Pope, doth not exempt that Kings natural ſubjects from the duty of their Allegiance.

VIII. King *John* had no power to give his Kingdom to the Pope, without the conſent of his Peers and Commons: Neither is that Contract of any validity.

IX. A Prieſt having learned in Confeſſion a Conſpiracy againſt the Kings life, ought to diſcover it to the King or his Council.

X. The Peers and Commons of *England*, and other His Majeſties Dominions, have no power to judge their King, much leſs to depoſe him, or put him to death, or to chuſe another King, or to alter the Government of the State.

He that will refuſe to ſubſcribe theſe Articles, and openly profeſs his conſent unto them, cannot juſtifie his love and fidelity to the King, and is altogether unfit to charge the Proteſtants with rebellious tenets. *Vacuum culpa eſſe decet qui in alium paratus eſt dicere.* He that is in an error cannot juſtifie himſelf but by forſaking it. That yielding is glorious; and to be overcome by the truth is a great victory. Without ſuch a juſtification, leſſons of loyalty given by a Jeſuite are unſuitable, and of as little effect as a Lecture of Chaſtity preach'd by an allowed Curtizan of *Rome*.

JOH.

JOH. VIII.

Γνώσεσθε τὴν ἀλήθειαν, καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια ἐλευθερώσει ὑμᾶς.

CAROLE qui Latias artes & fulmina bruta,
Et Capitolini contemnis Vejovis iras,
Macte manumiſſus cœleſti lumine Princeps,
Lumine Romuleas tibi diſpellente tenebras,
Aſſertamque ſacro capiti firmante coronam.
Dum trepidi Reges & ſancti luminis orbi
Serva Quirinali ſubmittunt colla tyranno,
Tu liber ſpecta ſtantes ad fræna Monarchas
Stratorum officio, ſuccollanteſque cathedræ
Auguſtos lixas, mox flexo poplite curvos
Turpia purpureo libantes oſcula ſocco.
Erige tu curvos rectus; fratreſque doceto
Quos Regum Pater agnoſcit Natoſque Deoſque,
Quam male proſtituat divum Rex ſanctus honorem
Tarpeiam lambens crepidam; ſoloſque pudendum
Excuſſiſſe jugum, libertatique litaſſe,
Gnaviter amplexos cœleſtia lumina Reges.

FINIS.

ADDITION.

FOR a further evidence of the great endeavour of the Court of *Rome* to advance the Popes power, by the Rebellion of Subjects and deſtruction of Kings, I will add to this Third Edition the famous tranſaction between the Pope and the Duke of *Guiſe*, the ground and the plat-form of the League. A rare piece, *& Romuleæ domus æternum opprobrium.*

Here I have need to ſay ſomething of the poſture of the affairs of *France* in thoſe days, without which this Negotiation cannot be underſtood. *Catherine de Medicis*, Mother of three Kings, to keep her aſſumed authority, would always balance the Kings power with ſtrong Factions, and ſow diſſention between her Sons. In the years 1574 & 1575 ſhe ſet on the Duke of *Alanſon*, the Kings only brother, to take Arms againſt his brother *Henry* the *III.* to reform the abuſes of the Government, and to right the oppreſſed Princes of the blood. The diſcontents of the People being great, he had ſoon gathered a Puiſſant Army, and though the Proteſtant party declared not for him, he could not want Souldiers among a People that was yet bleeding of

of the late horrible Maſſacre of St. *Bartholomew*'s day. Being thus grown formidable to the King, he ſold the laying down of his Arms very dear. The intereſt of the Princes of the blood was conſidered, and a ſhort-lived peace and liberty of Religion was granted to their Proteſtant party.

To excuſe that grant, againſt which the Pope was ſtorming, the Biſhop of *Paris* was ſent Embaſſador to *Rome*. But that Biſhop being altogether devoted to the houſe of *Lorraine*, which then began to mutter their claim to the Crown, as deſcended from *Charlemagne*; he did rather labour to caſt an *Odium* upon the King and the Royal houſe, and to make the Court of *Rome* partial for the Duke of *Guiſe*. Which that Court did greedily embrace, ſeeing the King and the Royal blood weak, divided and hated, and the Duke of *Guiſe* ſtrong in friends, and idolized by the People: So while that Pretender was high ſwoln with hopes, they would engage him, with all that lay in them, to yield to the Pope that abſolute power in *France*, which is abridged by the liberties of the *Gallicane* Church, and the Pragmatick Sanctions, wherewith the Popes were made to tye their hands againſt their will.

This Negotiation is called by the Hiſtorians, *The memoires of Advocate David*, which the ſaid *David*, or rather his Lord the Biſhop of *Paris* (whoſe Secretary he was) brought from *Rome*. But it miſcarried in the way, and came into the hands of the Royaliſts; *Davids* Trunks being ſeized on and ſearched at *Lyons*, of which the following Epiſtle gives account.

AN

AN EXTRACT OF A COUNCIL Held at ROME

Anno 1576.

Publiſhed the ſame Year with this Epiſtle to the Reader.

Gentle Reader,

IF *ever there was a conſpiracy plotted for the deſtruction of our King and Kingdom, it is this, of which I give thee here the Extract, taken out of a more ample Diſcourſe of the things lately deſigned in the* Roman *Conſiſtory a little after the coming of the Biſhop of* Paris.

That diſcourſe contained many more Articles concerning the other States of Chriſtendom. But becauſe the whole writing would have been too prolix, we thought it ſufficient to take out of it that which concerneth our France. *Howſoever by this ſcantling it will be eaſie to judge how pernicious to a neighbouring State is many times the counſel of Strangers, ſeeing that this Council threatneth us of no leſs than utter ruine. For they are not only the great and notable families of* France *that are deſigned for oppreſſion, but the King himſelf and this illuſtrious family of* Valois. *Yea it would make void the moſt ancient Priviledges and Immunities of the* Gallican *Church. And that it may not ſeem to be a diſcourſe invented and formed by us, They that were preſent at the opening of a Coffer belonging to one* David, *Advocate in the Parliament of* Paris, *who attended the ſaid Biſhop in his journey to* Rome, *may give a good account of this buſineſs. Beſides it is known that already part of this Council is executed, and that the moſt part of the ſtirring and factious men in this Kingdom look to ſee the reſt ſhortly brought to effect. My end in publiſhing this is, that every good and true* French-man *ſet himſelf to oppoſe vertuouſly ſuch pernicious deſigns, doing that which he ſees to belong to his part for the good and defence of his Countrey: And that the great perſons ſuffer not themſelves to be cheated by the deſtructive counſel of Strangers, who never think their intereſt well ſetled but by the ruine and ſubverſion of their neighbours.*

At Lyons, Novemb. 15. 1576.

Concerning the Buſineſſes OF

FRANCE.

IT is certain that Wars have rather hindred than advanced the holy Church, though they had wrought no worſe effect than the licentiouſneſs of writing what every one liſteth of the Holy See; whereby the Hereticks have been hardened, and moſt part of the Catholicks have learned to deſpiſe and deride it. Wherefore the iſſue of victories ending in a ſhameful peace, hurtful unto the Church, hath finally made it evident, that although the race of *Capet* hath ſucceeded in the temporal adminiſtration of the Kingdom of *Charlemagne*, yet it hath not ſucceeded in the Apoſtolick bleſſing affected to the poſterity of the ſaid *Charlemagne* only, but rather in the curſe.

That as the ſaid *Capet* uſurping the Crown, violated by a raſh audaciouſneſs the bleſſing of *Charles*, he alſo purchaſed for himſelf and his deſcent a perpetual curſe, which hath made his ſubjects refractary and diſobedient to the ſaid Church. And to ruine it, the ſaid line of *Capet* hath brought in that damnable Error which

the *French* call the Liberties of the *Gallican* Church, which is nothing elſe but the ſhift of the *Waldenſes*, *Albigenſes*, Poor of *Lyons*, *Lutherans*, and now of the *Calviniſts*. No wonder then that the victories of the *French* Kings, who theſe ſixteen years have fought for the defence of the Catholick Church have not proſpered at all; neither ſhall they ever proſper as long as the Crown ſhall continue in that Line.

But it ſeems that God hath prepared and diſpoſed, by the bringing forth of this laſt peace, the Parties, the Judges, and the occaſion for the reſtoring of the Crown to the true Succeſſors of *Charlemagne*, who to the laſt of their race, having conſtantly obeyed and acquieſced to the command of the Holy See, have ſhewed themſelves in effect the lawful Heirs of the Apoſtolick bleſſing in the Crown of *France*, though deprived of the temporal inheritance by fraud and violence.

It is manifeſt that the race of the *Capets* is altogether given over to a reprobate ſenſe; ſome being ſmitten with a ſpirit of giddineſs, ſtupid men, and of no worth: Others caſt away by God and Men for their Hereſie, proſcribed and rejected from the holy Eccleſiaſtick Communion.

Whereas the off-ſprings of *Charlemagne* are green and flouriſhing, lovers of vertue, full of vigour in mind and body, to execute high and laudable things. Wars have ſerved to raiſe their degree, honour and preheminence: Peace will reſtore them to their ancient inheritance of the Kingdom, with the good will, conſent and election of all the People. Wherefore we muſt make no manner of doubt, but that the conditions granted

granted to the Hereticks by the late Edict of Peace, though advantageous for them, proceed from Heaven, not from Men: That the praiſe, honour and glory of the profligation of the Hereticks may remain unto God alone, and to the bleſſing of his holy Vicar.

To attain to that, order muſt be given in all the Catholick Towns, that the People be ſtirred by wholſome Sermons to hinder by force the eſtabliſhing of the preaching of the abominable Sect, according to the permiſſion contained in the Edict.

The King muſt be counſelled not to be troubled for the popular commotions about that matter, but ſecretly to commit the whole care of it to the Lord of *Guiſe*, who being authorized by his Majeſties connivence, ſhall with all boldneſs work the Gentry and the Inhabitants of Cities into a League, and ſo ſolemnly oblige them by Oath, that they remain ſubjected not only to his conſcience, but to his faith in particular, ſo that they may not acknowledge any Head or Leader of the League but his Excellency.

The ſaid Lord of *Guiſe* ſhall give order, that Pariſh Prieſts, both in Towns and Villages make liſts of all their Pariſhioners able to bear Arms; which liſts they ſhall ſend to the ſaid Lord, who ſhall ſet Captains over the ſaid Pariſhes to take notice of the ability of the liſted perſons, and what Arms they are fit for. And the perſons liſted ſhall be warned by their Prieſts in confeſſion what Arms they muſt provide, and what they are to do, under colour of ſtanding upon their defence.

In the mean while the King ſhall cauſe the States to be proclaimed (a trap for the Hereticks) with the greateſt ſolemnity that can be, according to the ancient cuſtom. Let the Lord of *Guiſe* at the ſame time ſend into every Province his moſt faithful Counſellors to eſtabliſh particular Meetings or Committees in the ſaid Provinces, of perſons true to his intentions, and diſpoſe them to receive diſpatches, and execute inſtructions by the counſel and order of thoſe whom he moſt truſteth, and in whom his Holineſs hath moſt confidence, by reaſon of the Oath which they have taken of fidelity to his Holineſs, and the obligation which they have to the Catholick King.

The Queen Mother muſt go to her ſtrayed and loſt Son, whom ſhe ſhall eaſily perſwade to return near the perſon of the King his brother, to attend him to the States: To which alſo ſhe ſhall endeavour to draw the King of *Navarra* and the Prince of *Conde*, repreſenting to them, that unleſs they appear in the States, they ſhall be declared rebels and contumacious.

And to take from them all excuſe and likelihood of danger, the Duke of *Guiſe* and his brothers ſhall abſent themſelves from the Court with a ſhew of diſcontent. And the King muſt be perſwaded to leave *Paris*, and go to ſome place of free acceſs, where his brother may come to him, and the King receive him and all thoſe that attend him, with all the feaſtings and careſſes which ought to be uſed towards thoſe whom we will ſecure from fear.

When the time of the States draws nigh, the Captains of Pariſhes ſhall make a ſecret review of their men

men and their equippage. Among whom they ſhall chuſe ſuch a number as the Head of the League ſhall command, to ſend them and make them march ſpeedily where they ſhall have order to go.

The States being aſſembled, before they propound any thing, ſhall ſwear from the Head to the members, to keep and obſerve that which ſhall be concluded and decreed in the States, and oblige the Corporations and Societies to the contribution of the neceſſary expenſes, till the final performance. It ſhall be decreed alſo, that his Holineſs be deſired to authorize, ratifie and approve the Articles and Decrees of the State in the form of a Pragmatick Sanction between the Holy See and the Kingdom, as the Concordats have been made before.

They ſhall make the ordinary ſucceſſion void brought in by *Hugh Capet*, and declare it ſubject to the diſpoſition of the States, as it was of old. It ſhall be decreed, that if any Prince of the blood, Lord, Gentleman, or any other preſume to oppoſe or hinder the execution of the Orders of the ſaid States, the Prince ſhall be preſently declared incapable of the ſucceſſion of the Crown, and the Lords, Gentlemen, and others, degraded from their honours and dignities, and their Eſtate confiſcated and acquired to the State; and the moneys ariſing out of them converted to the proſecution of them till the final execution, to death, if they be taken, if they be not, then *in effigie*; and in the mean while publick rewards ſhall be aſſigned to thoſe that ſhall ſlay them in any manner.

That

That ſecurity being once given and taken, the States ſhall renew the Oath of Allegiance and fidelity, which they owe to the ſucceſſors of Saint *Peter*; and ſhall proteſt to live and dye in the faith ſet down in the Council of *Trent*, which ſhall be ſubſcribed by the body of the State; declaring all Edicts made in the Kingdom at any time againſt the Councils to be vacated, repealed, and made void.

It ſhall be decreed, that the Edicts made by former Kings for the extirpation of Hereſies be obſerved and executed according to their form and tenor. The King now reigning ſhall be acquitted of his Edicts and promiſes made in favour of the Hereticks, their complices and aſſociates; to whom a certain term ſhall be prefixed to appear before the Eccleſiaſtick Magiſtrates, and thence ſent back to the Prince to obtain pardon of the crime committed againſt his Majeſty.

And becauſe the execution of the precedent Article might be hindred and retarded by ſome rebel Princes, the King ſhall be deſired to eſtabliſh a Lieutenant General, a capable Prince, expert and able in body and mind to bear labour and take advice of himſelf; ſuch a one as never had any part, communication or ſociety with the Hereticks: And that his Majeſty be pleaſed to honour the Duke of *Guiſe* with that place, as one that hath all the parts that can be deſired in a great Captain, worthy of ſuch a Commiſſion.

Next, the Aſſembly of States ſhall make a Remonſtrance to his Majeſties brother, ſhewing him his great fault to have abandoned the King his brother to joyn with

with the Hereticks, declared himſelf their Head, raiſed an Army againſt him, and finally conſtrained his ſaid Brother and Lord, not only to give him an exceſſive and unreaſonable portion, but alſo to permit and authorize that abominable impiety. And becauſe ſuch a crime is comprehended in the firſt head of High Treaſon againſt God and man, which is not in the Kings power to remit and pardon; the ſaid States ſhall require that Judges be given him to try him for the ſaid crime, after the example of the moſt godly the Catholick King, who uſed the like Trial againſt his own Son and his own ſelf.

The ſame day that this concluſion is made by the States, the Forces muſt appear, both of thoſe that ſhall be ſent from all the Pariſhes, as other either ordinary or extraordinary, to aſſiſt the execution of the ſaid concluſion, and ſeize upon the perſons, both of the Kings brother and all others there preſent, that have accompanied and followed him in his wicked enterpriſe. At the ſame time the Captains of Pariſhes ſhall take the field, with the reſt of their Forces, and each of them within his precincts ſhall fall upon the Hereticks, their aſſociates, friends and adherents in the Countrey and walled Towns, whom they ſhall put to the ſword, and ſeize on their goods, to be ſold and imployed to defray the Wars.

By this means the Lord of *Guiſe* finding himſelf attended with a mighty Army, ſhall enter into the rebel Provinces, which he ſhall eaſily ſubdue by intelligence and force, making himſelf Maſter of the Field, and deſtroying all with fire and ſword where he ſhall find re-

sistance. He shall famish the strong places with little Forts built in the Avenues, without losing time to besiege them, as it was done before *Rochel.*

The siege of *Rochell*, *An.* 1573.

Having got such a fair and infallible victory, and thereby got the intire affection of all the Towns of that Kingdom, and of the Nobility and Gentry, he shall cause an exemplary punishment to be made of the Kings brother and all his Complices. And finally by the advice and leave of his Holiness he shall cause the King and Queen to be shut up in a Monastery, as *Pepin* his ancestor did to *Childerick.*

By this means having rejoyned and reunited the temporal heritage of the Crown with that of the Apostolick blessing, which he possesseth now, being all that remains to him of the succession of *Charlemagne*, he shall cause the Holy See to be plainly acknowledged by the States of the Kingdom *without restriction or modification*; abolishing then the priviledges and liberties of the *Gallican* Church, which he shall promise and swear before.

THere wanted nothing in the acting of that well contrived Play, but the end of it, to get the applause of the brutal world, which measureth goodness by the success. But for that defect in the clause, they might have said, *Nihil prætermissum, ite hac omnes & plausum date.* For it is most true, that this plot was really acted, till the Stage broke under the Actors, when they were come as far as the fifth Act: For in the midst of those States, which the Duke of *Guise* had with so much labour packt up for his turn, he was slain with

with the Cardinal his brother by the Kings command. In revenge of that execution, which extreamly diſappointed and highly inraged the Court of *Rome*, the King himſelf was ſlain by a Monk the next Year after; for which ſacrilegious murther a moſt ſolemn thankſgiving was celebrated at *Rome*.

In the horrible villany of that *Roman* project we ſee a right character of the Satanical pride of the *Roman* Court; which to ſatisfie, all falſe and wicked courſes are not only allowed, but preſcribed, cheating, rebelling, killing Princes, pulling down Monarchies, drowning the World in blood and tears. Compare the Epiſtles of *St. Peter*, with this inſtruction of the pretended Succeſſor of *St. Peter*, and judge whether they be endited by the ſame Spirit. *St. Peter* commands *ſubmiſſion to every ordinance of man for the Lords ſake.* And he gives this reaſon for it, *For it is the will of God, that with well doing you may put to ſilence the ignorance of fooliſh men.* But the Pope both diſobeyeth and deſtroyeth the ordinance of Man eſtabliſhed by God, and commands Men to do ſo. And he confirmeth the ignorance of fooliſh men, and encreaſeth the wickedneſs of ignorant men, by ſetting them on to work treachery, rebellion, high treaſon, and barbarous Maſſacres, to work his own greatneſs: And the *Italian* craft which holds always good, whereby a Man may compaſs his ends, is received as Evangelical doctrine, by them that take the Pope to be the Father of their Faith. But what! It is an Article of the *Italian* Creed, *ogni adjuto è bono.* Any thing that helps is good, ſaid he that called upon the Devil to be eaſed of his Gout, when calling upon God did not eaſe him. God

1 *Pet.* 2. 14, 15.

* God ſhield this Kingdom and all that love the Lord Jeſus Chriſt with ſincerity from *the throne of iniquity, which frameth miſchief by a Law*; forgive our enemies, and guide his Catholick Church with the Spirit of Truth, Righteouſneſs and Peace.

Pſal. 94. 20.

* That it may not be ſaid that the Proteſtants alone father the rebellions and deſtructions hapned in the Chriſtian Provinces upon the Pope, *Æneas Sylvius*, who ſince was Pope *Pius* XI. affirmeth, that there is no great ſlaughter, and no notorious calamity that hath hapned, either to the State or to the Church, of which the Biſhops of *Rome* have not been the Authors; and *Machiavell* ſaith no leſs in his *Florentine Hiſtory*.

Æneas Sylvius Hiſt. Auſtriæ.

FINIS.

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